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COVER STORY

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All pertinent Dragon information is included in this month's Bye-The-Bye column, so flip the pages and check out how you relate to the year of the Dragon.

HAPPY GREGORIAN NEW YEAR!

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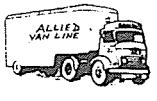

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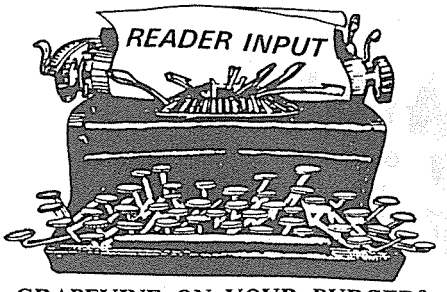

GRAPEVINE ON YOUR BURGER?

The Editor:

A month without Grapevine is like a month without ketchup.

Your efforts are deeply appreciated by those of us who are here by choice, who love Taiwan and its people and who dread the prospect of returning to the quagmire of reality that awaits us on the other side of the Pacific.

A Visiting Pedagogue, Taichung

CRUMBY CARTOON REVISITED

Dear Editor:

I must profess sympathy for you when you receive ridiculous reactions (Reader Input, Dec. 1987) from blatant self-serving trouble makers like the school counselor.

This person must be trying to make points with superiors and parents by trumping up a pretended reason to protect the TAS kids. No one even with lousy eyesight could have mis-interpreted that cartoon (Nov. 1987 issue) in such a vulgar way – yes there are even granny baby sitters.

And if protecting the kids is that person's attempt at immortality, I strongly suggest patrolling the fringes of the school grounds for such daily infractions as smoking, drinking, and petting. Or, make a few turns round the downtown pubs and discos on weekend eves to pick up on some child "self" abuse.

Brass Tacks, Taipei

REFUGEES WORKED OVER

Grapevine:

Who writes such drivel about Cultural Refugees? (Western Bullhorns, Dec. '87) The majority of the types your writer mentions should be correctly labelled Cultural Cripples.

Sinophile, Tamsui

Dear Editor:

The author of your December Bullhorns article seems out of touch with realities when he states "virtually all Western foreigners who now live on Taiwan have qualified through five successive years of presence for business or scholarly motives."

Where has this guy been? Does he meet any "Western foreigners" here or is his social life limited to the library at the American Club?

Perhaps this psuedo-expert isn't concerned with the vast majority of Western foreigners here who, despite being here for legitimate business reasons, have been denied so-called residence status due to unreasonable requirements for entry-permits.

Hopefully the new regulations, now in the process of being established, will be more realistic and reasonable. In the meanwhile I suggest that your author do some factual background investigation before doing such articles.

Old Time Resident, Taipei

GRAPEVINE

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR
YOUR CRITICISMS & COMPLAINTS ARE INVITED!

Arrr . . . I double dare you ! !

Letters and comments are welcome. Only those with the writer's name and address are acceptable for publication. Deadline is the 20th of each month.

HOROSCOPE

SORRY – LUCKY DAYS AND NUMBERS GOT LOST IN THE YEAREND MAIL RUSH. THEY ARE EXPECTED TO TURN UP FOR FEBRUARY.

ARIES (20 Mar – 20 Apr) WEEK 1: A time for you to be in control and overcome hostilities. Don't let in-laws dictate unreasonable terms. WEEK 2: Utilize your talents for creative purposes. Don't give in to lazy feelings. Don't let others down. WEEK 3: Be prepared to put up with a wearisome person – avoid being sarcastic. Stick to your goal. Care for your possessions. WEEK 4: You might be pressured to do something you don't like, good sense can save you.

TAURUS (21 Apr – 21 May) WEEK 1: Be industrious and show tender feelings to overcome any disappointment. WEEK 2: Don't let impulsivness make you sorry. Set your mind on keeping what you have. WEEK 3: Stick by loyal friends even if you don't always approve of their actions. Shop with discrimination. WEEK 4: Face up to difficulties alone and overcome. Otherwise a merry week.

GEMINI (22 May – 21 June) WEEK 1: Probably a troublesome week. Don't become vengeful toward someone trying to cause trouble. Overcome gloom in public. WEEK 2: Not to worry about persons who scoff at your opinions. Recognize where friendship doesn't really exist. Read to improve knowledge. WEEK 3: Beware of upsetting circumstances – just slide through. A loyal friend might help in a financial pinch. WEEK 4: Things look more cheerful. Financial problems can be solved. Don't be overly elated at your luck.

CANCER (22 June – 22 July) WEEK 1: Use your talents to overcome a left-out feeling in school or on the job – prove your ability. WEEK 2: Delayed projects might open up now. Trust a friend who will help you through difficulty. Maintain long-term patience. WEEK 3: A mixed-up week, probably with memorable consequences. Don't speak about others and be diplomatic. WEEK 4: There is a tendency to spend, but don't let this mentality affect other matters.

"Don't fret dear, I'll find another Grapevine."

**DON'T MISS A GRAPEVINE.
SEE PAGE 15**

LEO (24 July – 23 Aug) WEEK 1: Don't be overly emotional. Be cautious in romantic or marital affairs. WEEK 2: You can be the center of attraction. People will judge you by how you expend your energies. WEEK 3: Don't accept too much responsibility. Following up on positive ideas can bring luck. WEEK 4: Use intelligence to cope with family problems. Your strength of character can beneficially affect another.

VIRGO (24 Aug – 23 Sept) WEEK 1: Watch for discontentment and quarrels. A relationship could end. WEEK 2: Ignore false stories being spread about you – keep working toward your goal. WEEK 3: You might draw a lot of attention and find a need for diplomacy. Be gentle with others. WEEK 4: Make sure all assignments are fully completed. A possible visitor this week. Keep order in the home.

LIBRA (24 Sept – 23 Oct) WEEK 1: Your differing opinion just might be in error – careful. Relax and be a good sport. WEEK 2: Reading is important now. New instructions can be different than anticipated. WEEK 3: Don't be too possessive and avoid building up resentment against you. Allow others to enjoy. WEEK 4: Strange people might shock you by their wierd ways – not much you can do about it.

SCORPIO (24 Oct – 22 Nov) WEEK 1: Many possible sources of irritation. Possible mysteries to solve. Busy socially. WEEK 2: Important communications now – play your proper role. Don't neglect anything. WEEK 3: Busy with your career. Watch for outside interference. Possible news from an old friend. WEEK 4: Affection to be shown to you. Others go along with your ideas. Chance to change career, but with sacrifice.

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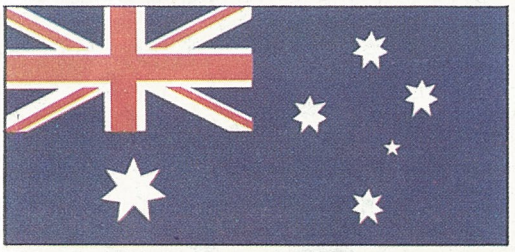

SALUTATIONS TO THE AUSSIES ON AUSTRALIA DAY AND 200TH ANNIVERSARY 26 JANUARY

Hearty congratulations to the Australian expatriate community on Taiwan who are celebrating, along with their countrymen down under, the 200th anniversary of the establishment of western civilization on the South Pacific continent, which commenced after the landing of a ship load of 1,030 souls at Botany Bay (near what is now Sydney) in a land they called New South Wales, claimed by Capt. Arthur Phillip on 26th Jan. 1788.

We also salute the adventurous spirit still evident in today's Aussie expats who reside with us here on Taiwan and make their own strong and friendly contribution to our expatriate society.

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A large scale program of events are planned to celebrate the Bicentennary in Australia itself. Events included are: a trans Australia hot air balloon race, tall ships race, round Australia yacht race, a vintage car rally, international air show, a 1200 head cattle drive from Northern Territory to Qld., a unique travelling exhibition of items and art works depicting Australia's past, present and future, and an exhibition of discoveries from early shipwrecks.

A re-enactment of the journey of the first fleet will be also be completed this month to begin the celebrations.

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Australia and Taiwan are each others 6th place bilateral trading partners with each country exporting to the other about US$900 Million annually. Australia is the major supplier to the ROC of industrial raw materials, including aluminium, coal, salt, lead, zinc, wool and mineral sands, plus beef, mutton and dairy products and is a significant supplier of sorghum, barley, lupins, specialised seeds, beans & peas.

The Australian Commerce and Industry Office plays a central role in many Australian efforts in Taiwan. The office is operated by representative Mr. Bill Mattingly and is located at 4F, 148 SungKiang Rd., Tel. 542-7950.

This office is also opening a visa facillitating service very soon.

SOME *DOWN UNDER* FACTS & FIGURES

- Area 7.682 million Km^2 – almost the size of the U.S.A., including Alaska & Hawaii, or 25 times the size of Britain, and 213.5 times Taiwan's land area.
- Coastline 36,735 Km
- Less than 5% of the land altitude is above 600 Meters.
- Populations: People 16 million
  Kangaroos 19 million
  Sheep 130 million
- Capital city: Canberra, pop. 125,000
- an Independent nation but still a member of the British Commonwealth.

Australia's goodwill ambassador – Mr. Koala Bear

Significant moments in Australia's history:

200 A.D. – Greek mathematician Ptolemy sketched a world map showing a huge land south of the Indian Ocean, which he called *Terra Incognita.*

1600's – Spanish, Portuguese and Dutch merchants actually discovered Terra Incognita and referred to it as New Holland.

1770 – Captain James Cook from England sighted and sailed the complete length of the east coast to its northernmost point, where he raised the British flag on Possession Island.

Jan. 18, 1788 – a fleet of 11 ships under the command of Captain Arthur Phillip, arrived in Botany Bay with 1030 people (736 of them convicts) on board. They established a settlement at nearby Port Jackson which grew to be Sydney.

Jan. 26, 1788 – Capt. Phillip formally took possession of the eastern part of the continent and Tasmania. The land was then called New South Wales. Subsequently settlements were established in Hobart in 1803, Brisbane 1824, Perth 1829, Melbourne 1835 and Adelaide in 1836.

Jan. 1, 1901 – the six states federated into the Commonwealth of Australia and the first federal parliament sat in Melbourne, with Sir Edmund Barton as Prime Minister.

1927 – the federal parliament moved to Canberra.

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AUSSIE FACT

Australia's airlines have the world's best national safety record with only 0.3 fatalities per million.

AUSSIES AMONGST US

Following is a sypnosis of Australian organizations on Taiwan and the Aussies expatriates that make them go:

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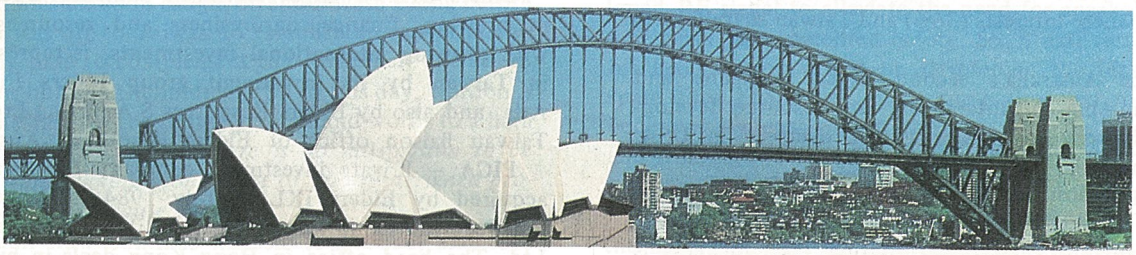
STRENGTHENING TIES WITH THE R.O.C. ON AUSTRALIA'S 200TH ANNIVERSARY.



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ANZ BANK

The ANZ bank is the result of a merger in 1951 between the Bank of Australasia (established 1835) and the Union Bank of Australia. Then registered as a London based bank, the board moved to Melbourne when it acquired the English, Scottish and Australian bank in 1970. The Bank of Adelaide was acquired in the late 1970's, and in 1984 Grindlay's Bank was purchased giving ANZ representation in 48 countries, with the latest figures showing 33% of profit coming from offshore.

Grindlay's was the first European bank in Taiwan and has been here since 1980. The ANZ representative office was set up on 1st October 1987. The office will achieve full branch status providing local government stipulations are met; the name Grindlays will then give way to *ANZ Banking Group.*

ANZ are dealing in corporate finance, trade, treasury operations, business migration programs and endeavouring to develop business between the ROC, Australia and other countries in the ANZ network. The bank feels confident of developments in the Asian region and feels appropriately poised to take advantage of the deregulation occurring in Taiwan.

Representative John Grant is on his first overseas posting arriving here 4 months ago. The news of being posted here came as somewhat of a surprise to John and his family as they had just begun setting up a new house in Sydney when John was asked to come to Taipei.
ANZ Bank, 2FL., 123 Nanking E. Rd., Sec. 2, Ph. 542-4034

ANZ

ANZ Bank is proud to be building stronger links with the ROC on the occassion of Australia's Bi-Centennial celebrations.

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John Grant, Representative would be pleased to assist with any enquiries.

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AN MAU STEEL COMPANY

An Mau Steel Co., Ltd., based in Kaohsiung, is a three way joint venture between CRA of Australia (49%), Japanese interests (36%) and Taiwan shareholders (15%).

CRA is Australia's second largest company and operates mining, manufacturing and resource development businesses in Australia and overseas in USA, Europe and Asia.

The operation in Taiwan is a US$200 million investment in steel flat products including cold rolling, strip galvanizing and colour coating. The business is already up and running and the complete project will be finished by the end of this year. At that time total steel products output will be around 500,000 tonnes per annum, for both domestic and export markets, and numbers employed will be some 600 people.

An Mau's President is Australian Owen Hegarty. Owen, originally from Melbourne, came to Taiwan in early 1986 with his wife Julie and four children. He has worked with the CRA Group for some 20 years, holding various positions in Australia, UK and Asia, the last of which was Managing Director of Conzinc Asia.

Other Australians working for An Mau include Peter Pope from Adelaide, General Manager of the Expansion Project; Dick Barrett from Brisbane, General Manager of Coatings Technology; and Dougal Holmes from Melbourne, Computer and Automation Consultant. Eric Williams, from Sydney was until recently a member of the team in Kaohsiung, but is now based in Taipei.

An Mau Steel Co., Ltd., 11 Chung-Li Rd., Lin Hai Industrial District, Hsiao Kang, Kaohsiung, R.O.C., Ph. (07) 871-5262

CRA also have a 70% share in Thai Ping Metal Industrial Co., Ltd., a secondary lead smelting operation in Feng Shan, near Kaohsiung.

BTR – NYLEX

The name Nylex will be familar to most Australians, it being the name found on nearly every garden hose there. In 1985 BTR Ltd. acquired the Nylex company to form BTR-Nylex, which now has operations in New Zealand, Malaysia, Taiwan and, recently acquired, in Japan (Sanshin Enterprises). In July 1986 BTR-Nylex purchased 51% of China General Plastics Corporation CGPC, the second largest plastics company in Taiwan. BTR-N will add technology from Australia and other countries and introduce additional management techniques to further the success of CGPC.

CGPC has 2 plants in Taoyuan, one in Toufen and three in Kaohsiung, producing industrial chemicals, polymers, PVC film and leather products which are exported to the U.S.A., S.E. Asia, Japan and Hong Kong. The products are synnergistic with the BTR-N plastic and rubber product range. The individual companies under the CGPC umbrella will operate as autonomous profit centres beginning this year.

Currently underway is an employee exchange program between ROC and Australia, with a new Australian general manager – Graeme Buller – arriving this month. Peter Marxsen, business development manager, arrived here in July last year on his first overseas posting.

BTR-NYLEX – CGPC Group, 3 Tun Hwa Sth Rd., Taipei, Ph. 776-3661

ELDERS RESOURCES S.A. (PTY.) LTD. – ELDERS FINANCE ASIA. LTD.

Elders IXL., a large Australian company operating in brewing, finance, agribusiness and resources and with growing international investments, is represented in Taiwan by its investment group Elders Finance Asia, and also by Elders Resources S.A. (Pty.) Ltd. the Taiwan liaison office of Elders Resources, Australia.

PICA – Private investment company for Asia was acquired by Elders IXL in July 1984; in November last year the name was changed to Elders Finance Asia Ltd. The head office in Hong Kong deals in bullion, financial futures, DTC's, Government bonds and securities. The Taiwan office deals with project financing, merchant banking and world wide trade related finance.

Elders Resources S.A. (Pty.) Ltd. is a young and aggressive company trading in chemicals, solvents, manganese ore, coal and steel products from South Africa, Brazil, USA and Australia. General Manager, Minerals and Metals for Elders Resources is Rainer Alderhold. Rainer migrated to Australia from Germany in 1969 on a US$30 assisted passage. Finding it easy to get a job then, he worked his way out of the migrant camps at Altona in Melbourne, and in 1978 joined Elder Smith Goldsbrough, forerunner of Elders IXL. Rainer has been travelling regularly to Taipei over the last four years and from this month, will be posted here.

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Elders Finance Asia Ltd., 12th Fl., 201 Tun Hwa N. Rd. Taipei, Ph. 713-6124/5

ESTAVEE INTERNATIONAL CORP.

The Taipan in Taipei – not the silent jungle creature with a deadly bite found in Northern Australia, but the cheery company boss, Graeme Vincent, of ESTAVEE INTERNATIONAL CORP. who with his wife Sophia has become a successful resident buying agent for overseas importers, after having begun with only $500 and a borrowed desk and phone.

Principally dealing in garments, Graeme has also developed exports in sporting bags, computer accessories and other assorted items.

After eight years, and the addition of eight staff, two children, an apartment and some tropical fish, he sees Taiwan as being on the verge of dramatic change. Significantly, he has recently commenced promoting imports from Australia.

Estavee Int'l Corp., Suite 7, 4th Fl., 1 Fu Hsing N. Rd., Ph. 731-5177-9

EYELINE INDUSTRIES COMPANY LTD.

Not far from Taipei on the road to Keelung while being inconspicuous is a most successful Australian operation that manufactures and designs top quality sporting goods (principally swimming goggles but also eye guards for squash, nose clips, ear plugs, swimming trainer paddles, soccer shin guards, mouth guards, water polo caps with ear guards, sports towels, and sporting bags). The enterprise is the brain child of Australian Design Award winning toolmaker, Gordon Rattray.

Gordon began his career in Melbourne as a toolmaker specialising in designing and making steel moulds for producing plastic products.

swimming goggles came as a result of continual prompting from friends at the local swimming pool. Gordon initially paid scant regard to the idea, setting one of his apprentices to work on it during spare time. The product, once established soon caught on and it wasn't long before Gordon was off to Taiwan to establish an export manufacturing base to complement the Australian operation.

Often burning the midnight oil to this day, Gordon is good and fast on the drawing board and works to a high standard of quality – *"There is no satisfaction to be gained from making money out of poorly designed products that could cause injury.*

Gordon now confines himself to product and tool design while his son Jim, also a qualified toolmaker operates as factory manager, utilising his fluent Chinese to introduce new methods and machine design to the workplace.

A compact four-level factory keeps a staff of 80 busy, six days a week up to 10 hours a day in a congenial atmosphere, producing the steel moulds; operating press machines; processing in the anti-fog laboratory; printing brand names; assembling parts; and packing.

An additional company is now being set up in Australia to handle sales and manufacturing, in order to take advantage of improved industrial relations, good dollar value and technology now available there. And Gordon will soon maintain his hard-working drawing board in the place which he still calls home.

F.B.R. DATA BASE INC. AND F.B.R. PTY. LTD.

F.B.R. is an Australian-American company that specialises in providing industry and company information. Established as an industrial market research company over ten years ago, FBR has expanded its operations to become the largest privately owned data base in South East Asia.

Managing Director Nigel Page explains that the information industry in Asia is in its embryonic stage, and that database literacy within the general public is still relatively low. However the business community have realised the value of computerised information and now over 200 subscribers are on-line to the FBR Database, both domestically and internationally. A list of subscribers include trade missions, banks, investment firms, trading companies, and consultancy firms. Hotels also have on-line access, providing visiting business men with information on Taiwan suppliers. It has proved to be such a success that during next year, FBR will establish an office in Hong Kong to service the Holiday Inn, other major hotels and businesses. It is FBR's aim to have information on South East Asian countries on-line within four years. Discussions are currently being held with France's video text service, Minitel, to have the FBR data on line there. Similarly, a specialised data base of overseas technology is also being established.

F.B.R. Data Base Inc., 11Fl., 2 Nanking E. Rd., Sec. 2, Ph. 531-6465

FIFTH GENERATION AUDIO

Originally from Murwillumbah on the beautiful lush green northern NSW coast, Stuart Saunders was a school teacher in Charters Towers, a quaint old gold mining town between outback cattle stations and the tropical coastline of far North Queensland. Possessing an inventive mind, he wandered into the patents office in Brisbane one holiday (Charters Towers to Bribane being a distance approximately 4 times the length of Taiwan) with a few ideas to check up on. One of these, a cordless portable stereo system using a specially developed RF signal to alleviate the need for speaker cords, had never been patented before. So, Stuart returned to his teaching job intent on developing the idea in his spare time. That well spent spare time led to Stuart becoming Queensland inventor of the year in 1982 and winning other awards in Geneva, Paris, and recently two awards in Taipei.

Stuart has been in Taiwan three years now, ploughing the hard road that all inventors follow in getting their acclaimed ideas to become commercial successes. A manufacturing plant for the *transtereo* will become operational early this year with interested buyers already waiting in Japan, the U.S. and Europe.

Fifth Generation Audio, P.O. Box 2-173, Peitou, Taipei, Ph. 871-7515

FORD LIO HO MOTOR CO., LTD.

FORD have been in Taiwan since December 1972 as part of the Asia Pacific region of FORD, America. Their Australian operation, has made and is still making a considerable people contribution to the Taiwan operation, particularly in 1985 when a major expansion program was undertaken to increase the plants capacity and introduce the Canadian "Tracer" volume export program. That model is the only vehicle being exported from Taiwan by any manufacturer.

For the local market, FORD assembles the "Laser" and "Telstar" as well as the light commercial vehicles "Econovan" and "Pronto"; imported from Europe are the "Sierra" and "Scorpio."

Quite a number of Australians came to Taiwan to set up the export program and to assist FORD LIO HO in other areas. Now that the lines are rolling, only four remain. Ian Davies is the longest serving of these having been here three years; Owen Cook, squash champion extraordinaire, has been here two years while relative newcomers Gary Hexter, finance director and Jim Johnston (apparently not the well known Australian jockey) have been here for six months.

Ford Lio Ho Motor Co., Ltd., 705 Chung Hua Rd., Chung Li, Taoyuan, Ph. (034) 55-3131

FRANK SMALL & ASSOCIATES LTD. MARKETING AND RESEARCH CONSULTANTS

Established in Sydney in 1964, Frank Small and Associates are now the largest ad hoc market researching firm in the Asia Pacific rim, with offices in most capital cities of Asia and Australia. Their office in Taiwan was set up in 1983 and they've grown to become the largest research consultancy on the island. With emphasis on marketing, 95% of their work is in consumer research for multinational companies such as Coca Cola and Castrol.

Essentially studying and gathering an understanding of Chinese people, the company is in a good position to advise Australian companies on the market here, and be of benefit to R.O.C. – Australian relations. It is worth noting however that most enquiries have come from other sources, particularly European.

Richard Mecchi, Research Executive, the only Australian working for the firm in Taiwan, came here

two years ago on a short holiday to see a friend. Taking a liking to the place, he quit his job in Melbourne (marketing for an international air courier) and got together a list of companies to go job hunting; the first on his list was Frank Small & Associates – say no more. He speaks fluent Italian and Spanish, basic Chinese, and enjoys life so much here, he intends to make it home for a number of years.

Frank Small & Associates, 8F., 125 Nanking E. Rd., Sec. 2, Ph. 541-4128

HACHI CO., LTD.

Lee-Anne Simpson, an enterprising young woman in her twenties, worked for five years as an overseas buyer for "Mothers Choice", an Australian distributor of nursery products (prams, children's clothes etc.) which has 60% of that market. Lee Anne travelled frequently to Taiwan buying products and eventually, due to communication problems, the company decided to set up a permanent office here in November 1985 which Lee-Anne came to run.

Up to that time, all products had been bought off the shelf. A good communications base was established in the first year and Lee Anne was then able to concentrate seriously on producing Taiwan product to meet the needs and tastes of Australian consumers. She soon took over the office and began increasing the market considerably, expanding sales into Europe, adding new designs, fabrics and colours. She has, to date, refrained from approaching the U.S. market in consideration of the volatile dollar, but definitely has her sights set on that market for this year.

Hachi Co., Ltd., 7th Fl. 218 Tun Hwa N. Rd., Ph. 713-5902

LYSAGHT TAIWAN

Lysaght Taiwan are 80% owned by Broken Hill Proprietary Ltd. (BHP), the largest Australian company. Lysaght are the world leader in steel building products and steel coating technology; in Taiwan they manufacture roofing and walling products for factories and warehouses using the following trade names:

– Kliplok Hiten and Trimdek Hiten which are totally manufactured here.

– Colorbond and Zincalume which are imported from Australia in coil form and fabricated here.

– From March this year, Galvaspan high tensile purlins.

Lysaght arrived in Taiwan in 1983 and have been doing reasonably well. One of the buildings utilising their expertise is the new National Sports Stadium at Lin-Kou. The products are new to Taiwan, and judging by the imitations that have abounded, Lysaght has no shortage of flatterers.

Two factories are operating at Chung-Li and a third is planned for Kaohsiung, to further expand the product range.

General Manager in Taiwan is Max Knight, who has been with the company for 15 years. Originally from Sydney, Max ended a two year stint in Melbourne by flying from the depth of its winter to the height of a Taipei summer, on his first overseas posting. That was a not-so-long 16 months ago.

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The only Australian lawyer practising in Taiwan, Paul obtained his Law/Arts degree at Melbourne University, studying both Chinese and Japanese. He was a government exchange student in Beijing for 18 months, worked in Tokyo law offices and Mallesons' Melbourne office before coming to Taiwan three years ago.

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The Taipei Representative office was opened in January last year and hopes to upgrade to branch status after two years of operation. Their business at the moment is strictly correspondent banking, acting as liaison office for local banks and ROC companies investing in Australia.

The office is operated by Mr. Guy Lam, a well spoken citizen of Hong Kong who was educated at Sydney University many years before the rush started. Returning to Hong Kong, he spent 15 years with the Hang Seng Bank before joining National Australia in May '85 as manager of International Banking in Hong Kong. His travels to Taiwan in that capacity led to the establishment of the full time representative office here in order to assist governmental efforts to encourage overseas investment and particularly to promote trade between the R.O.C. and Australia.

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AUSTRALIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN TAIWAN

The major Australian companies in Taiwan have got together and formulated the idea of forming an Australian Chamber of Commerce, which it is generally believed, will be of significant assistance in promoting trade and investment between the ROC and Australia. Discussions are in the initial stage and the steering committee is in the process of seeking the approval and guidance of the Taiwan government.

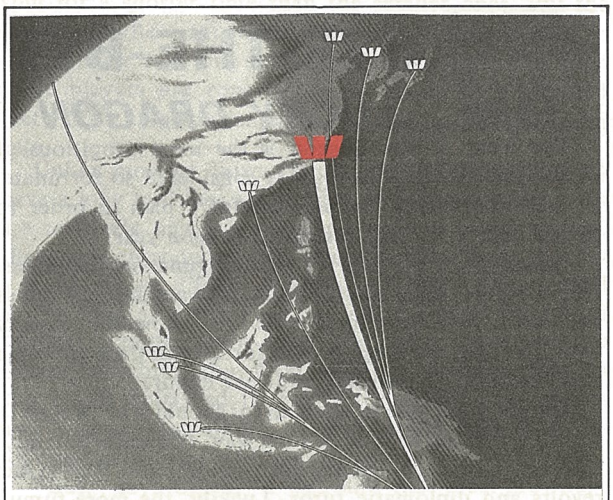
WESTPAC BANK

In its early colonial days, the whole of Australia was known as New South Wales. The first bank, and first public company to be set up then, was the Bank of New South Wales in 1817. In 1982, that bank merged with the Commercial Bank of Australia (est. 1866) to from Westpac, now the largest bank in Australia. The bank's name is derived from WESTERN PACIFIC, the focus of its attention.

With a view to becoming a major international bank, Westpac, having opened its first overseas branch in London in 1853, has subsequently continued its international expansion into major European, American and Asian centres. They are now operating in 23 countries including Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong (Asian headquarters), Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Mainland China, U.S., Jersey, Frankfurt, Bahrain and America. The Taipei branch office opened in July 1986 with an agreement to purchase the Taipei assets of Seattle First National Bank (Washington). In Taiwan, Westpac principally confines itself to wholesale or *commercial* banking, dealing in foreign exchange, money market, and trade related financial activities. Support is also provided for R.O.C. companies extending their business into the Australasian region, and for Australian, New Zealand companies coming into Taiwan. Performance of the Taipei branch has exceeded all expectations which has assisted in cementing Westpac's future in Taiwan for the long term.

The Chief Manager here is Laurie Gouge. Laurie has been with Westpac for 36 years and is a pioneer of Westpac's Asian banking presence, having set up the Singapore office in 1971 from an empty brief case in a hotel room.

Assisting Laurie, as Manager of Administration and Operations is Peter Mills from Sydney. Some of Peter's early days with Westpac were spent resurrecting the Darwin branch after the devastating cyclone, Tracy, tore through in 1974. Peter served in the San Francisco branch in 1981-82 and came to Taipei in April 1986. Westpac Bank, 15Fl., 99 Fu Hsing N. Rd., Ph. 712-9133



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And others.....

Other Australians operating in Taiwan are Splendour Products (Simon Hollands); Pfizer Pharmaceuticals (Alan Boots); Noel Steenson Sales; Titan Taiwan (BHP subsidiary); William Vankley, who has written a book on shipping law; Qantas, the Australian airline, has Taiwan Travel Inc. as General Agent here. A ROC – Australia Trade Association meets alternately in each country on an annual basis. ●

HOROSCOPES, Cont'd.....

SAGITTARIUS (23 Nov – 21 Dec) WEEK 1: People will try to impose – protect yourself. Be independent – make your own way. WEEK 2: Good time to look into the future. Stick where you are and you might gain financially. WEEK 3: You should be on the receiving end for good things, just be thankful. A trip might bring happiness. WEEK 4: Don't let flattery influence you. Inspire those who lag behind you. Take care of health problems now.

CAPRICORN (22 Dec – 20 Jan) WEEK 1: Take the initiative – don't wait for things to happen. Protect fianancial and family interests. Stay sharp to cope. WEEK 2: Others might let you down. keep your own spirits up. Possible unexpected visitor. WEEK 3: Expect a surprising phone call – don't let it disturb you. Be careful with food and drink. WEEK 4: Improv and overcome problems. You or a close one might choose a new profession.

AQUARIUS (21 Jan – 19 Feb) WEEK 1: A dilemma connected with loved ones – let your conscience guide you. Financial status might be endangered. WEEK 2: You are inclined to be extravagant – keep your senses. Possible decision to change residence. WEEK 3: Don't let a wild friend influence you. Keep aloof and independent. Watch your eating habits. WEEK 4: A week of mixed troubles and pleasures. Silence might be wisdom. Don't get caught in someone else's argument.

PISCES (20 Feb – 19 Mar) WEEK 1: Be firm with those around you. Control personal problems. WEEK 2: Stick with what you are doing. Gain satisfaction from overcoming difficult conditions. Income might exceed expectations. WEEK 3: Possible news from a forgotten person whom you might not welcome – don't show your feelings. WEEK 4: You might be chosen for a high office or receive unexpected money. Changes are coming which might mean more personal freedom. ●

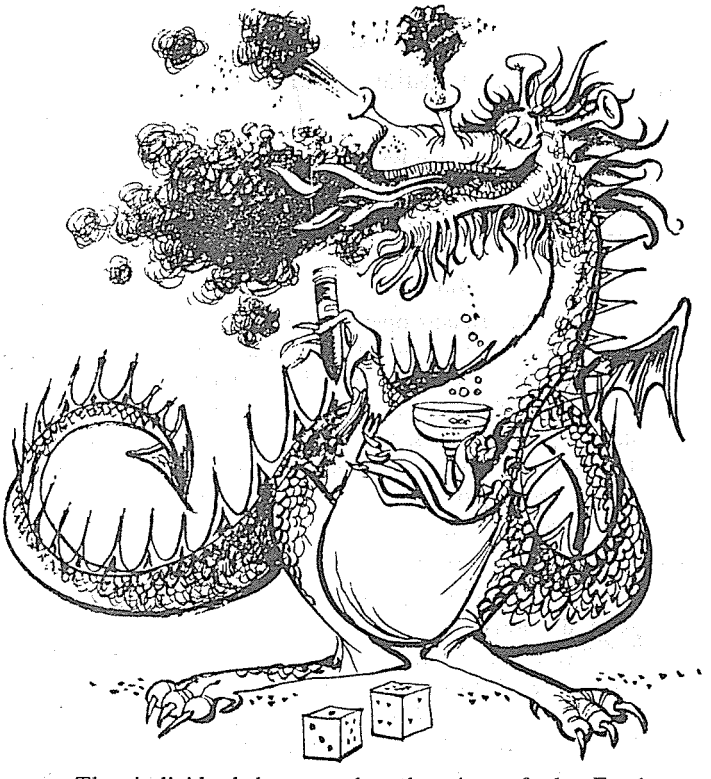
BYE-THE-BYE

1988 ...LUCKY DRAGON

The Year of the Dragon is the most propitious of all the twelve lunar years. It is considered so fortunate, in fact, that many couples carefully plan in order to to bear their offspring during the Dragon year.

Generally, it is a year for good fortune and happiness. It is a period when much energy is expended and things are done on a grandiose scale . . . however, usually with fleeting benefits. It is a fortuitous time to begin new ventures, get married, and have children.

On the other side of the coin (or should it be Dragon?), while everything is done in a big way, this unfortunately can also include disasters, both natural and man-made, revolts and diplomatic furor. Luckily, the more tumultous *"Fire"* Dragon will not reign and we will be under the influence of the *"Earth"* Dragon, the most sedate of the five Dragon elements (wood, fire, earth, metal, water) which takes over every sixtieth year of the full lunar cycle (more on this next month).



The individual born under the sign of the Earth Dragon is a sociable business-type who likes to be in control of his environment.

Dragon persons in general, are:

PROGRESSIVE – with exuberance, magnanimity . . . and a lot of bravado.

ETHICAL – as long as nobody gets in the way.

VERSATILE – and quick to change anything which isn't wholly agreeable.

DOMINANT – and quite demanding, especially of their spouse.

IMPULSIVE – although not always sure of where they'll end up.

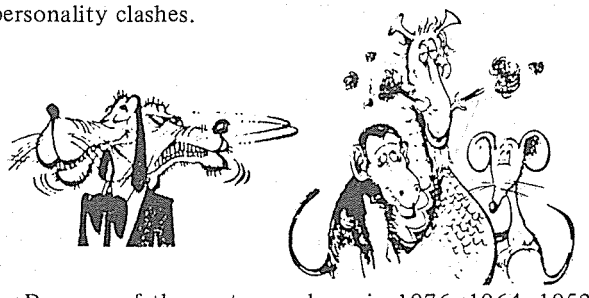
AMBITIOUS – with daring projects . . . occasionally losing the way due to disregard for details.

SENTIMENTAL – diluted by a strong will to have their way.

POSITIVE – so long as they don't get out of their depth.

RESILIENT – always determined to make a come back . . . often necessary due to their rashness.

Dragons make good companions with Monkeys or Rats and get along well enough with the other signs, except Dogs with whom there is always a danger of personality clashes.



Dragons of the past were born in 1976, 1964, 1952, 1940, 1928, 1916, 1904, and 1892. If we have any older Dragon readers, let us know!

Traditionally, the lunar calendar is used in determining your lunar sign. Although most Eastern governments are trying to establish the Gregorian, or western calendar, only Japan has had any part of real success.

The lunar year of the Dragon begins next month on 17th February, which is Lunar (or Chinese) New Year Day. Look for next month's Grapevine for the low-down on all things lunar.

DRAGON POWER DILUTED?

In order to deter the usual glut of births which occur every Dragon Year on Taiwan, the Taipei Family Planning Promotion Center recently revealed that the most common lunar sign amongst Taiwan Provincial government officials, with the rank of department head or higher, is that of the Pig, while the Dog sign ranked a close second. In fact, Dragons ranked a lowly ninth out of the twelve signs.

But, we would certainly like to see these statistics compiled from among the top 100 Taiwan *business leaders* before poo-poohing the Dragon as the sign of leadership.

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Launching a Tahsi Top

THE TOPS OF TAHSI

Tops have been favorite childrens toys almost everywhere for longer than recorded history. That the toys were known in western Europe by at least the seventh or eighth century A.D. is evidenced by the word *top* itself which comes from the Old English and means a child's toy.

It is uncertain just when tops first made their appearance in Asia, but they are known to have been popular in mainland China during the Sung Dynasty (A.D. 960-1280). Most Sung era tops were relatively simple in design – a roughly circular metal disk pierced by an iron spike around which the string was wound. However, by the beginning of the Ming Dynasty, in the mid-1300s, tops had evolved into much the same form as today.

Although few toys are as widely dispersed worldwide as are tops, most are basically the same. The materials from which they are made may vary from place to place – in some areas plastic is the current favorite, in others the traditional wooden models are still more popular. But wherever they are found, patterns, shapes and sizes show little difference. Nearly always tops are relatively small so that they can be easily handled by children. . . . . with one exception; in Tahsi village of northern Taiwan where top spinning has evolved from a simple game for children into a highly competitive sport which captivates a good part of the local population. The tops used in the Tahsi competition are a far cry from the common children's toys most people picture when they think of tops – these measure up to three feet in diameter and some weigh more than 150 pounds (68 kg)!

To spin such a top, the player throws it with all his might and immediately runs in the opposite direction while pulling on a thirty-foot to forty-foot (9 – 12m.) length of one-inch (2.5cm) diameter hemp or nylon rope. With skill – and a measure of luck – the tops, and not the player, will spin.

The duration of the spin varies with the size of the top and skill of the twirler. As a rule, larger tops will spin for a shorter time than the smaller ones. But the length of the rope also plays an important role in determining how long the top spins, and in competition some players use ropes of up to ninety or a hundred feet (27 – 30m.) in length in an effort to get maximum spin.

Unlike most of Taiwan's folk arts and customs which have a long tradition and history, the giant tops of Tahsi are relatively new additions to the local scene. In fact, they were introduced only about twenty years ago by a stone mason, Chien Wu-hsiung. Chien, who worked at the time at a stone carving plant located next to a popular temple, often spent his lunch hours and tea breaks watching the local children spinning tops in the temple courtyard. He envied the children their games and wished that adults, as well, could find such enjoyment in playing with simple toys.

"But," says Chien, "I was sure that most grownups would consider it beneath their dignity to be seen in public playing with a child's toy. So I decided to tempt them into taking up the sport by introducing larger, more complicated tops for adults to spin."

Chien initiated his plan by persuading a friend, a skilled wood worker, to make a twelve-pound (5.5 kg) top for him. The friend, half convinced that Chien was crazy, argued that it would be impossible to spin such a large top. In the end, however, he agreed to make the top, if only as a favor for a friend.

Spinning the oversized top proved to be easier said than done, and Chien failed in try after try. "Actually," he says now, "my initial failure is what resulted in the current popularity of the sport. If it had been easier, much of the interest would not have developed."

Friends who stopped by to watch Chien in his efforts to spin the large top soon began asking for a chance to try their own luck. By the time the trick to spinning the large toy was finally discovered, many of Chien's friends had become as addicted to the sport as Chien himself and built, or had made, large tops of their own. And as the number of players grew, friendly rivalry led to larger and larger tops being spun, until, today, the original top, which in its time was considered a giant, seems no more than a mere baby's toy.

Today, a sizeable portion of Tahsi's residents participate in the sport. Most meet on weekends or after work to compete in spinning their huge toys, with the most popular playing area being the temple courtyard where it all began. Players come in all ages from three to ninety and display varying degrees of skill and competitiveness. Many of the more serious have banded together to form a club which now has more than 100 members and sponsors two large contests each year – on January 15th of the lunar calendar and again in late summer during the week of the Moon Festival. At the contests, winners in various categories are awarded appropriate prizes – hand-carved wooden trophies in the shape of a top.

All of the giant tops are still made in Tahsi. They are hand carved from local woods with heavy iron bars driven into the tops and are painted in a variety of patterns and designs. At present, the heaviest used in regular play weighs about sixty pounds (27 kg), but several of between 100 pounds and 150 pounds (45 – 68 kg.) are owned by the club. *Cont'd pg. 34*

TOWARD BETTER HEALTH

I don't mind dying, I just don't want to be there when it happens. Woody Allen

BREATHING & AGING

We all know regular aerobic exercise is good for the cardiovascular system and keeps the metabolism revved up to burn excess calories, but many of us aren't aware that regular aerobic conditioning also increases lung capacity.

This increased lung capacity could help offset an aging body's declining ability to deliver oxygen to the muscles. After age 40 oxygen delivery ability declines about 15% per decade.

A.M. EXERCISE

What's the first thing you do in the morning? Eat breakfast? If so, maybe you should consider exercising before you eat.

By working out before breakfast, you'll burn more fat than when you exercise at any other time. A group of runners were tested after a 12-hour fast (before breakfast), and again after a three to four hour fast (after lunch). A 30 minute run (both times) caused the group to burn the same amount of calories, but the type of calories burned differed greatly. In the morning jog, two-thirds of the calories used were fat; in the afternoon jog, fats and carbohydrates were burned in equal amounts.

The results are due to hormones, mainly insulin. In the morning, your insulin level is lower because you haven't eaten. After a meal, insulin – which suppresses the use of fat and encourages carbohydrate use – rises. Since your body is already burning more fat in the morning when pre-breakfast insulin levels are low, exercising causes you to tap into your fat reserves even more.

WHICH CHOLESTEROL TEST?

It is well established that a person's cholesterol level has a major impact on whether he or she will develop fatty-cholesterol deposits in the arteries. These deposits lead to heart attacks and strokes. No medical evaluation is complete without a cholesterol test and a measurement of the HDL-cholesterol level.

These tests, however, can be confusing unless you are in a position to compare "apples with apples." This is because there are three different HDL-cholesterol tests for the same purpose and unless you know which test you are talking about, misunderstandings can occur. Here is a comparison of the three testing methods used – and remember to ask your doctor which method was used in your test.

MODERATE RISK *(for values greater than)*

AGE	LRC method	SMAC method	aca method
2-19	170	190	200
20-29	200	225	240
30-39	220	250	265
40 +	240	275	290

HIGH RISK *(for values greater than)*

AGE	LRC method	SMAC method	aca method
2-19	185	210	220
20-29	220	250	265
30-39	240	275	290
40 +	260	295	315

MEAT AND YOUR ARTERIES

You've probably heard the popular TV ad question "Where's the beef?" But recently, the U.S. Center for Science in the Public Interest asked, "Where's the fat?"

To find out, the center analyzed the hamburger and roast beef from 10 different fast food restaurant chains.

Test results show that if you want lean meat, you should head for the roast beef. It's significantly leaner than hamburger meat. And don't overlook the fact that garnishes can turn a product with a moderate amount of fat into a real artery clogger.

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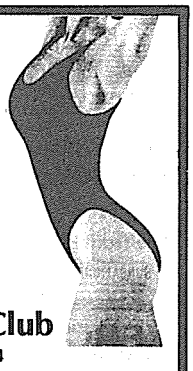

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CLARK HATCH FIT TIPS

WEIGHT FOR STRENGTH

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Weight training will help you get in shape. Ask your fitness instructor to get you started.

IS FATLESS SAFE?

It used to be said that "a woman could never be too rich or too thin." Judging from all the books and "lose weight quick" diets on the market today, it seems that many women are still obsessed with at least half of that axiom.

While some of today's diet plans may be good, it is possible to become too thin. Shunning fat in the diet is neither possible nor a good idea.

Fat is essential to the normal functioning of the human body. It is the source of some vital fatty acids, such as linoleic acid, which are necessary for proper growth and healthy skin. Fats are also the way some vitamins A, D, E, and K, are carried into the body. Furthermore, fats provide calories (food energy) for an active life along with carbohydrates. In fact, energy rich fats have over twice the number of calories per weight as either proteins or carbohydrates.

Fats also contribute to our enjoyment of foods because they add flavor and improve texture. And having some fat in body tissues helps to insulate the body against chills and cushion body organs.

In addition, fat is incorporated into most of the foods we commonly use, including wheat, corn, soybeans, avocado, and coconut, not to mention flesh foods and animal products.

There's nothing wrong with a diet lower in fats, because most of us overdo by adding extra fats to otherwise nutrient-balanced foods, like spreads or dressings. A low fat diet may even be medically-prescribed for individuals suffering from heart disease, atherosclerosis or high blood pressure.

Those with high cholesterol levels, associated with increased risk of atherosclerosis and heart disease, should:

- Watch their fat intake and include more low-fat foods and eliminate the visible (added) fats and high cholesterol foods like eggs and organ meats.
- Begin an exercise program if not currently active.
- Stop smoking; or if you don't, never begin.

Finally, in order to achieve what health professionals are referring to as the prudent (healthful) diet, follow these simple rules of food selection:

- Choose dry beans, peas, non-fat milk, lean meat, fish, and poultry as your protein sources.
- Moderate or eliminate your use of eggs and organ meats such as liver.
- Limit your intake of butter, margarine, cream, shortenings, and foods made from such oils.
- Trim excess fat off meats.
- Broil, bake, or boil rather than fry foods.
- Read labels carefully to determine both types and amounts of fat contained in foods you purchase.

These measures will dramatically reduce cholesterol intake and lower overall fat consumption.

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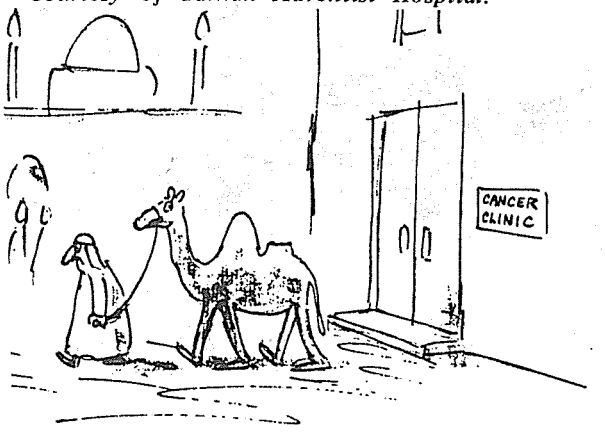

HEALTH QUIZ

1. Which grain causes *gluten intolerance?*
2. Vegetarians should include what legume in their diets?
3. What causes the diabetic problem?
4. The malady opposite to diabetes is what?
5. The majority of cancers may be due to what?

ANSWERS PG. 28

Caution: Before starting any vitamin or exercise program consult a physician, especially if you are on any form of medication, suffer from shortness of breath; have a history of heart, blood pressure or respiratory problems; have not been active recently.

CHINESE TIDBITS

The abacus was not invented in China. It originated in Egypt in 2000 B.C., almost a millennium before it reached the Orient.

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The Chinese invented eyeglasses. Marco Polo reported seeing many pairs worn by the Chinese as early as 1275, 500 years before lens grinding became an art in the West.

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At funerals in ancient China, when the lid of a coffin was closed, mourners took a few steps backward lest their shadows get caught in the box.

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In ancient China people committed suicide by eating a pound of salt.

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There are more than 40,000 characters in Chinese script.

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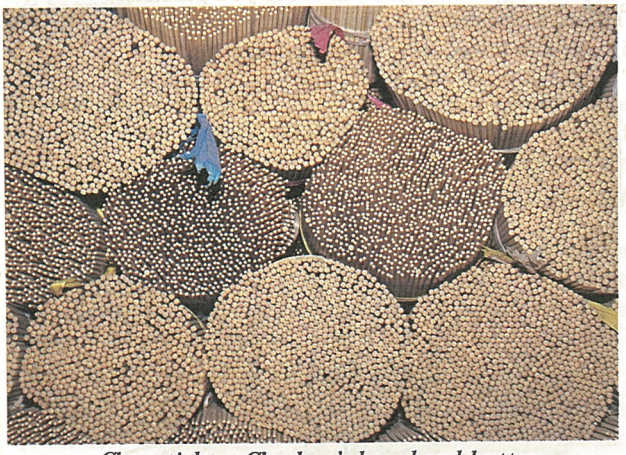
Some Chinese typewriters have 5,700 characters. The keyboard is almost 3 feet wide on some models, and the fastest one can type on these machines is 11 words per minute.



Chopsticks — Chushan's bread and butter

BAMBOO TOWN

Some fifteen miles south of Nantou, in central Taiwan, lies the small country town of Chushan — Bamboo Mountain. The name would, at first glance, appear a misnomer as there is not a mountain in the the area — hardly, even a hill, as the village is situated at the bead of a broad plain. Moreover, in the area immediately surrounding Chushan itself, there is hardly a bamboo grove worth mentioning to be spotted.

A tour of the village, however, will show that Chushan has earned its name as the town is, without a doubt one of the major centers of Taiwan's Bamboo industry. In fact, almost the entire population of the village depends, to one extent or another, upon the fabrication of bamboo.

Bamboo groves a short distance from the town supply the raw material for products ranging from toothpicks to dining room sets, including both utilitarian and handicraft items.

Along the main streets, lanes, and alleyways doors open on small cottage factories whose workers craft bamboo much as it has been done for hundreds of years.

In the past, Chushan was center for the production of bamboo dinnerware, however plastics have largely replaced materials such as bamboo.

Today, the single most common product turned out in Chushan's cottage factories are the everyday chopsticks. Even smaller producers churn out chopsticks by the millions.

Another product turned out in large numbers is the bamboo sword used in the Japanese sport of kendo. Chushan residents claim that the area supplies more than a quarter of all the kendo swords used in Japan's schools and budokans (martial arts training centers).

Bamboo brooms are another product which remains in demand. In dozens of small factories, workers — often elderly women — ceaselessly saw bamboo poles into sections and wire a bundle of twigs and leaves to each section to form a broom. The entire process takes only three or four minutes and a small factory can turn out several hundred brooms a day.

Even the bamboo waste products support another Chushan industry. Tailings and chips are used in the production of paper. Over the years, Chushan has become a center for paper production. Although the bulk of the production is of only average quality, two or three of the town's producers have chosen to specialize in the production of high quality paper in demand by artists. As a result, many painters from around the island visit Chushan regularly to bargain for the hard to find, and very expensive, paper.

Aside from its bamboo industry, Chushan is not especially noted for its attractions, but one site worth visiting is the Lin family mansion.

Built during the Ching Dynasty, and still owned by the Lins, the residence is one of the finest examples of period architecture remaining in Taiwan today. An added bonus is that, unlike more famous sites in Taipei and Kaohsiung, which have largely been rebuilt, the Chushan Lin residence remains very much in its original condition.

Covering a total area of nearly 8,000 square yards, the complex is built, in the traditional manner, around a central square. The residence is particularly noted for the massive wooden doors and oversized carved window panelling of its main section. The wood used is a rare variety of cypress shipped from the mainland, while the carving was done by the most famous local craftsmen of the time.

Ironically, Chushan is almost unrecognized for what could be its greatest interest to visitors — its proximity to a number of popular vacation spots in central Taiwan.

Visitors to Sun Moon Lake and Chitou, in particular, often complain that accommodations at both sites are overrated, overpriced, and too frequently overrun with students and tour groups. And, to stay overnight in Taichung and drive to these sites wastes a good part of the day. Chushan, on the other hand, is ideally located as a jumping-off point for the abovenamed spots as well as others, including Phoenix Valley Bird Park and Alishan Forest Area.

While none of the town's hotels are of international standard, a few, such as the Bamboo Plaza, whose personable manager apprenticed at the Hilton in Taipei, are quite acceptable.

A Chushan broom maker

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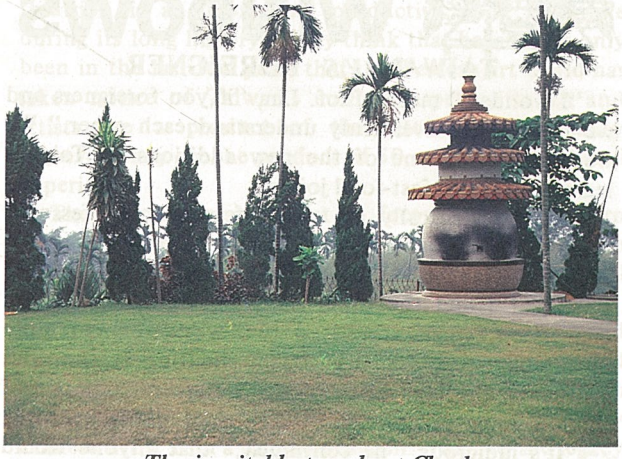

The inevitable temple at Chushan

Whether to see the town for its own attractions, or to use it as a base for visits to better known sites in the area, Chushan merits consideration for the itinerary of any visit to central Taiwan.

To get there: Travel by bus is simple as direct express buses leave Taipei's Chunglun Station (on Pateh Road) once an hour from 7AM until 6PM. Tickets are just under NT$400 round trip.

If driving, take Route 3 south out of Nantou City through Mingchien (about 8km.) then on another 14km. or so to Chushan.

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For another great get-away tip see "Down South On The Farm" pg. 27.

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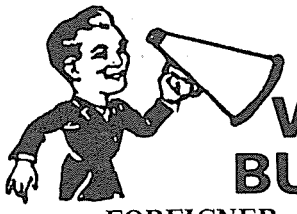

BY WESTERN BULLHORNS

FOREIGNER *V.S.* TAIWAN

Recently a group of expats, including myself, were at a well known, U.S. franchised pizza place having lunch when unexpectedly someone started pulling long hairs out of his 'super supreme' – not just a single strand, mind you, but a veritable crop of protein fiber.

One of our group, ostensibly outraged by this gastromic faux pas, but keener still on the opportunity to score the free replacement customary under such circumstances, demanded to see the manager. The disorder resulting from this seemingly innocuous request was at once both bemusing and telling. After much debate among several waitresses the manager reluctantly appeared.

"This pizza is inedible!" The expat declared, trying to look serious.

"Mei yo gwan xi, we'll give you a discount," the manager started to haggle as my friend gaped at him in disbelief. Providentially, at this critical juncture, a waitress spilled a large coke down the back of the complaintant's wife.

"Ni Kan, Ni Kan!" He cried seizing the initiative with renewed vigor, "this is one, big, damn mess!". This was too much for the poor manager – a whole table of irate foreigners. A hairless replacement pizza was soon forthcoming.

On a later occasion I went for salad at another foreign franchise. Here, the salad bar turned out to be a rather despicable assortment of wilted lettuce, purple cabbage, celery, and half a dozen other languishing veggies.

"Look at that salad" I said to the manageress pointing to a giant wall poster portraying their famed salad. "This is not even remotely like that, your salad doesn't have any of those things!"

She looked momentarily non-plussed, then looked me in the eye and replied triumphantly, "That's because that's a foreign salad and this is a Chinese salad."

One wonders just where someone comes up with a reply like that, and perhaps more intriguingly, do they themselves really believe it? I've never been able to decide. Some call it verbal disarmament, I call it paralyzing your opponent with stupefying illogic. Scathing sarcasm elicits no response. But the point is that complaints tend to evoke a somewhat confused response here, and whereas westerners are quick to complain about bad food, over-pricing or poor service, Chinese generally do not.

The food and service at foreign franchises in Taiwan is often below international standards. The same is true of many of Taipei's "foreign" restaurants and "western" coffee shops. Locals seem either to not know the difference, or at least not to object.

"Don't say anything and just don't come back." Is the prevalent attitude, which is fine in it's own way, but doesn't allow for much improvement. Also Taipei's large population with it's general inability to draw international comparisons insures that many establishments that wouldn't survive in a more cosmopolitan city are instead able to die painfully slow deaths. The same acquiescent attitude allows many enterprises to blatantly overcharge.

All of this reminded me of the time that an American banking executive and I were buying some take-out ice cream cones at a Taipei luxury hotel. When the banker, casually dressed in a track suit, remarked to the salesgirl "NT$63 for one scoop – that's outrageous!" She immediately looked down her nose and sneered "We are rich." Well, she probably doesn't even clear NT$5,000 a month but it occured to me from her remark that money and face are perhaps more inextricably interlinked here than in the west. Few natives are going to lose face by letting people think the price hurts, no matter how much of a rip-off it may be.

Perhaps these reasons contribute to Taipei's international cuisine being so indifferent and expensive compared to that of Hong Kong's or Bangkok's. Better quality, prices, and service are going to have to be demanded by more sophisticated, discriminating and vocal consumers.

BY EASTERN WINDOWS

TAIWAN *V.S.* FOREIGNER

"I wonder," mused Prof. Lin, "if you foreigners and we natives can ever truly understand each other." We were sitting in one of the new additions to Taipei's legion of foreign fast-food joints.

"What specifically are you referring to Professor?" I asked, my curiosity getting the best of me.

"Well George," replied Prof. Lin, "I was in the Exemplar Hotel the other day, passing the ice cream concession, when I noticed two westerners, in quite unsuitable attire for that place, shouting at the sales girl about the high price of the ice cream cone one of them had just purchased."

"It's ludicrous," he continued, "that anyone would buy anything in that particular Hotel without expecting to pay exorbitantly. And then, without having first inquired about the price, to complain loudly about the *outrageous* charge. What a loss of face for the poor fellow – people must have thought he was quite poor, what with his attire and all."

"Do you mean," I asked, "that this would not happen to a Chinese?"

"Rarely, if ever, George. You see, in our society one is expected to know his place, and if he is out of place, to carry on with dignity until he can gracefully extricate himself. If he blindly ordered an ice cream which was priced exorbitantly he would silently blame himself for being so stupid, pay his dues, and carry on as if nothing were irregular."

At about that time a group of foreigners a few tables away from us were creating a commotion, with

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CULTURE AND CORPORATIONS

A highbrow is the kind of person who looks at a sausage and thinks of Picasso. A lowbrow is the kind of person who looks at Picasso and thinks "Baloney."

L. Levinson

Culture on the commerce page – has Grapevine gone mad?

Well, there could be great debate on the last part of that question, but an Art Foundation is most definitely of interest to Taiwan's commercial enterprises, for several reasons, as further reading will bear out.

Currently, a proposal is being put forth, under the guidance of Mary Crawley, Director of the non-profit Taipei Art Guild, to establish an *international* foundation for Chinese artists.

The ROC is in a unique position, both culturally and commercially, the commercial aspect being well known – foreign reserves of over US$60 billion, an industrial powerhouse, and an average growth rate of 8%. Within a relatively short span of 40 years Taiwan has attained a position among the leading industrial nations of the world.

Culturally, however, Taiwan has been overlooked by both the local and international community, being mistakenly relegated to a backwater by the latter. Yet, within the ROC, the millenia-old Chinese artistic tradition is as strong and productive as at any time during its long history. Many think that because its only been in the last few years that the Western art world has taken notice of Taiwan's cultural aspects, its art and artists are a product of that attention. In reality however, they are the product of 50 centuries of cultural experience.

The contemporary artist is faced with a modern industrial society whose ideology is rooted firmly in the west. Though the Chinese are no strangers to commercial ethos, the modern industrial ethic is, to a great extent, at variance with traditional concepts of the purpose and value of life. This dichotomy has been compounded here by the rapid transformation from an agrarian to an industrial society. Therefore, the contemporary Chinese artist is in a unique position – heir to the legacy of Chinese artistic tradition he must come to terms with living in an industrial society and existing with a dual set of values.

Until now the R.O.C. concentrated only on developing its industrial superstructure. Today it is coming to realize that the world should also be made aware of the art that it produces. The goals of the proposed foundation are based on this intention. Once established. the foundation will become a part of the international network of art foundations around the world, allowing contemporary Chinese artists to gain their rightful position in the international cultural community.

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C. To increase corporate art purchasing in the ROC.

D. To raise the international image of the ROC:

(1) Through large-scale cultural exchange with the rest of the world the ROC will be enhancing not only cultural but also economic and political relations.

(2) Art is an expression and reflection of the values of a society. A country's image depends not only on its technological strength, but equally on its cultural achievements. By promoting contemporary Chinese art the ROC may show the rest of the world that it is carrying its rich artistic tradition into the 20th century.

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   (4) Organizing art competitions
C. To invite foreign contemporary artists to visit the ROC for lectures, workshops, and exhibitions.
D. To publish a bi-lingual periodical containing professional essays on art, and reporting on events in the world of international art.

FUNDING:

A. Funds for the foundation, through donations, will come from the following sources:
   (1) Private patrons
   (2) Corporations
   (3) Relevant government agencies
   (4) Other foundations
   (5) Publishers and book stores
B. Each annual donation will entitle the donor to the following:
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      a. 2 pieces of artwork from IFCA.
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      a. One piece of artwork from IFCA.
      b. The patron will present one of the honorable mention awards at the annual IFCA exhibition.

BENEFITS TO PATRONS:

A. According to the tax laws of the ROC, groups and individuals can donate 15% and 25% respectively of their total income tax to any non-profit organization.
B. The patron enhances his reputation by promoting the exchange of art between the ROC and foreign countries.
C. The patron will benefit from enhanced public relations and the development of potential business opportunities through the media's coverage of his participation.
D. Through the annual award ceremonies, over a period of ten years, the patron can accumulate a prestigious collection of artworks from IFCA. An annual award ceremony will be held for this purpose.

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Those interested in the opportunity of participating in the establishment of this most worthwhile foundation are invited to contact Mary Crawley through the Art Guild at Tel. (02) 871-8465 (daily except Mondays).

CORPORATE ART INVOLVMENT HEATS UP

In this extremely competitive high-tech world, art offers a desperately needed high-touch ballast. In fact, more people attend arts events in a given year than attend sports contests, or vote, or travel for pleasure, according to a U.S. Louis Harris poll conducted in 1985. Why? Because, according to survey respondents, the arts give them "pure pleaseure."

Businesses of all sizes are developing creative and imaginative alliances with arts as a means of improving the work environment and the quality of life within communities. Many of these alliances are public/private partnerships between governments or foundations, and private business owners, forging a cultural infrastructure that is both aesthetically pleasing and an integral component of economic development.

Chemists, accountants, secretaries, and others who work for CIBA-Geigy Corp., a Swiss pharmaceuticals and plastics company whose U.S. headquarters are surrounded by the stark, abstract, works of Adolf Gottlieb, Philip Guston, and others from the New York School that emerged in the late 1940s. Said Marcus Low, curator of CIBA-Geigy's collection, which includes five hundred works of art, "This company has decided to collect works that say something about our time."

With art- and civic-minded chief executives at the helm, the number of corporations investing in art, and the size of corporate collections have steadily increased since the 1950s. IBM employs 14,000 people at its

headquarters and boasts 1,000 paintings and prints.

Although corporate buying has certainly created a large new market for young and little-known artists, it apparently has little to do with any sudden philanthropic impulse. Nor do many of the corporate collectors say they purchase art as a business investment, hoping to profit when it is sold. Most executives, when queried, insist that their growing interest in art results from changing priorities in the office environment.

As the industrial economy gave way to the information economy, laborers moved indoors to sit behind desks. Soon afterward paper shuffling gave way to the high-tech hum of computers processing endless reams of information, and corporate leaders began to see the need to create a more stimulating environment for their employees.

Beyond creating a nurturing environment for employees, businesses are using artwork to create *the right image.* Art is a major element in creating a corporate image. If you want proof of that, just go to a building that doesn't have any. It looks like nobody lives there. Traditionally, people would move into an office and then think, *"Okay, what do I do with this wall? Guess I'll hang something."* But art, as more and more people are discovering, is very much an image-maker.

Corporate support of the arts is not a new idea, but until very recently it was a peripheral issue, one given minimal attention in the day-to-day operation of business. Most donations came out of a company's philanthropy budget, and executives were content with a line in the corporate support list, or perhaps a mention in the events program.

No more. Today, support for the arts comes out of a company's marketing budget, and phrases like *"strategic philanthropy"* and *"cause marketing"* are tossed around by public relations people. There is a move away from pure philanthropy into more of a marketing approach.

Numerous and increasing examples of local business groups supporting local artists. Bank leaders say the move is partly a business decision, partly philanthropic, a little bit of community service, and a dash of quality-of-life improvement. Arts organizations are becoming less wary of the corporate dollar and corporations are becoming more aware of the arts organizations' needs and problems.

Although individual artists and small arts groups continue to face enormous problems in reaching audiences and making a living from their work, the culture industry is growing fast, courtesy of new coalitions of public, foundation, private, corporate, and governmental efforts. As communities seek to attract new businesses to guarantee economic growth into the twenty-first century, cultural centers will garner even more support.

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Wolf, 46, will assume the positions held on an interim basis by Frank Olson since June 1987. As previously announced, Olson will return to the *Hertz Corporation,* where he is chairman and chief executive officer.

Previously, Wolf was Chairman, Pres. and CEO of Tiger International, Inc. and Chairman and CEO of its principal subsidiary, the *Flying Tiger Line* Inc. The world's largest scheduled air cargo carrier.

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COMPUTER TALK

by Stan

COMPUTER SOULS

This month we're going to discuss the soul of your computer system – its software. You realize by now that your personal computer, complex as it is, possesses no more native intelligence or initiative than a $1.50 light switch. Its power lies in the speed and accuracy (barring malfunctions!) with which it can execute the instructions fed into it. And whence issueth forth these Magic instructions?

Part of the software you use came with the computer when you bought it. Apple Computer called theirs a Monitor program: International Business Machines later conventionalized a name for it which seems to have stuck – Basic Input/Output System, or BIOS. What does the BIOS do? Well typically, when you turn on your computer, the screen clears, a self-test is performed, error messages (shudder), if any, and some sort of sign-on message are displayed, and then, if your computer has disk drives, one of them is activated and the next program to be executed (generally the Disk Operating System, which we'll get to in a while) is read in.

All of this is done automatically in response to instructions that are part of the BIOS program. Since in machine language all of these instructions boil down to patterns of +5 and 0 volts (1's and 0's) anyway, and to save you the trouble of setting 65,536 on/off switches to these patterns before using your computer, the manufacturer impresses the BIOS program electronically on an integrated circuit called a Read Only Memory (ROM) about 15mm x 36mm in size. This ROM is wired into the computer in such a way that the instructions on it are routed directly to the central processing unit (CPU) chip when the power is first switched on.

Other parts of the BIOS program hold the instructions necessary for the computer to perform mundane but fundamental tasks such as recognizing when a key has been struck (and which!), displaying characters on the screen, maintaining an internal real-time clock and so forth. Generally speaking, the BIOS program handles all of the computer's "foreign relations" with hardware devices leading into and/or out of it, so that you, as the user, don't have to worry at all about how data and instructions are being moved from here to there behind that inscrutable beige facade.

To digress momentarily – what is a "legal" (or "illegal") BIOS? Well, under the current interpretation of copyright laws, the program contained in the BIOS ROM is protected and proprietary to the author (usually the company that developed and designed the computer). Thus, to copy this program without express permission of the author, by whatever means, and insert it in other computers or distribute it in any other way is violation of copyright laws. Conversely, a "legal" BIOS is one that is published ("printed" on ROMs, diskettes or whatever) and sold or distributed by the authors or a person or party expressly licensed by the authors to do so.

So how can you be sure that the BIOS in your computer is legal? I mean, you may have reason to feel that it is not, like when you turn on your computer the Coconut Computer trademark appears on the screen although you bought the machine from Lemon Tree Co. Or you might have bought your CoCoComp from an authorized agent but you have a naturally suspicious and paranoid nature. Well, you can remove the BIOS from your computer and send it to the purported authors (as named on the copyright notice) requesting their certification in writing that it is kosher. What, no copyright notice?! Well then send it to all of the known publishers of computer BIOS'. Or invite them all to sue you and keep a copy of the court's findings. If you're still not sure you and keep a copy of the court's findings. If you're still not sure, you can take it to the Supreme Court. Jeez, who asked me that question anyway?

I notice some of my lawyer friends (long may they prosper) whispering and beckoning on the sidelines. Okay, I got out of my depth. For now, let's leave legality to the legalists and get on with the next section of software that your computer needs – the Disk Operating System. (continued next month)

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LUNAR HOROSCOPE

The lunar horoscope is a guide to daily activities (the dates are adjusted to the western calendar).

The dates given are all lucky except for those in brackets, which are bad. Good days mean fortune, luck or success. For example to open a new business on a lucky day will bring prosperity. Obviously "bad" days bode just the opposite.

ADOPTIONS	2, 6, 12, 13, 15, 16, 24, 25, 26, 28
BUSINESS, NEWLY OPEN	12, 13, 15, 18, 24, 30 **(2, 8, 28)**
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DOOR HANGING	2, 6, 15, 16, 24 **(5, 9, 10, 28)**
ENGAGEMENTS	2, 6, 10, 12, 13, 16, 18, 19, 22, 24, 28, 31 **(4, 15, 20, 21, 25, 27)**
FUNERALS, BURIALS	2, 5, 7, 12, 13, 16, 18, 19, 22, 24, 28, 31 **(4, 15, 20, 21, 25, 27)**
HOUSE CLEANING	12, 18, 19, 30
HUNTING, FISHING	3, 8, 18, 19, 20, 30
MACHINE INSTALLATION	21, 22
MARRIAGES	2, 6, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 **(3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 14, 19, 22, 31)**
MEDICAL CONSULTATION	4, 6, 9, 12 **(5, 15)**
MOVING PREMISES	2, 6, 12, 21, 24, 28, 30 **(4, 7, 8, 10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 22, 25, 27, 31)**
PLANTING	16, 18, 30 **(26)**
TRAVEL	6, 10, 13, 16, 18 **(12, 15, 24)**

DINING OUT & DINING IN

with the Discerning Diner

THE GREAT PIZZA PROWL

This month commences the Pizza Prowl, a monthly report on Taipei's popular Pizzerias to help you decide which is a good pizza joint for you.

In order to establish some sort of method in our reporting, the following establishments will be checked-out in their alphabetical order. Also, the list is restricted to shops that purvey pizza as their sole raison d'etre. If we missed any please let us know.

Antonio's Pizzeira	*Pizza Hut*
Kookies Pizza	*Round Table Pizza*
King Pizza	*Shakey's Pizza*

ANTONIO'S PIZZEIRA

Antonio's located in Tienmou, opened for business this past September and is operated by Antonio Hsu, who has been involved in several Italian food efforts around town for several years past.

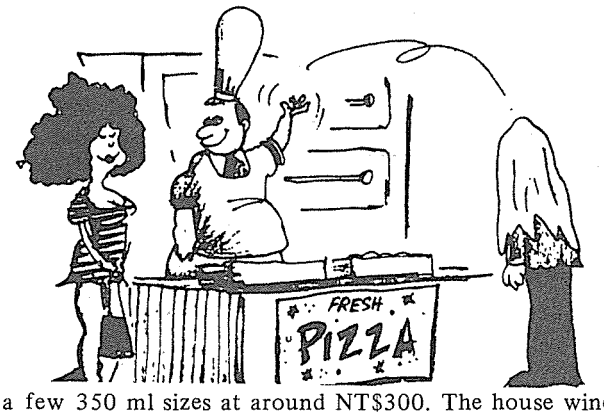
Antonio does most of his business in the ample and comfortable basement of his establishment, so don't let the deserted ground floor entrance fool you – there's life below.

After presentation of the menu by an alert and able waitress we got down to the job of selecting a topping to our liking from a selection of nineteen, plus the option of one's own choice of ingredients. There is also a choice of thin, or thick deep dish crusts – if you don't specify you'll wind up with the thick variety. Also, two diameters are offered, 9" and 12".

Antonio's toppings showed variety and, in addition to such standard fare as salami, anchovies, ham, etc., evidenced a bit of flair with American Hot, Mexican, Vegetarian, Seafood (with jumbo shrimp), a fruity Hawaiian type topping, and others.

Being unable to come to terms between a thick or thin crust both were ordered, with orthodox garnishes. We did miss not having Italian sausage on the menu.

While waiting for the pizzas to appear (Antonio bakes his pizzas in the slower, – and better in our estimation – old fashioned oven) the efficient staff offered wine. There is a good selection of Rose, Red and White wines ranging from NT$400 to NT$650 or so per bottle, with



a few 350 ml sizes at around NT$300. The house wine runs NT$80 per glass. For beer drinkers, Taiwan beer is a reasonable NT$60. Imported bottled and draft beers are also available.

Within a reasonable time the pizza arrived at the table and we went to work on it. Sauce, spices, and crusts were good and authentic. The cheese also passed muster, but drowned-in-cheese afficianados *might* want to order an extra coating. All-in-all, we were quite satisfied with Antonio's fare as well as the cosy atmosphere.

Pizza prices, depending on the specific topping were fair at an average of NT$120 – 160 for a nine-incher, with the Fresh Jumbo Shrimp variety running NT$300. (add NT$40 to 50 for twelve inch pizzas).

Antonio also offers a complete Italian-style food menu of pasta, meat and fish dishes, with all of the trimmings.

Antonio's Pizzeira is at No.56 Tienmou W. Rd, a short way west of the Tienmou N. Rd turnoff on the south side (left side if coming up from Chungshan N. Rd.)

AP

GOURMET TRIVIA

1. How many varieties of rice have been identified?
2. What is *Palestine Soup?*
3. What is a *Zester*?
4. What common food product contains no nutrition?

ANSWERS PG. 28

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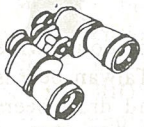
MORE DINING OUT ON PG. 31



HOTEL WATCH

EVENTS OF LOCAL INTEREST

The Ritz Hotel this month is featuring the Australian Bi-Centennial Food Festival. The grand opening is on Australia Day, 26 Jan., and the festival will last until 6 Feb. A la carte menus will be served at Paris 1930 while The Brasserie is having daily lunch and dinner buffets. There will be door prizes and fashion shows at the festival.

Royal Hotel is now offering a noontime treat called the "Lunch Express" in Les Celebrites French restaurant. For NT$500 you can choose either a selection of hors d'oeuvres or soup of the day, followed by a choice of 4 main dishes. Dessert is fresh fruit and sherbert served with coffee or tea. For reservations call 542-3226 ext. 330.

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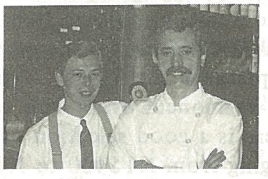

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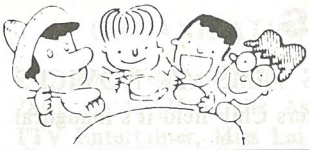

WANDERING CHOPSTICKS

WITH DAMIEN BROWN

Noni Checks out hot plate, DJ's check out Noni

There we were gathered about a large round table suitable for King Arthur and his Knights (or should I say, Emperer Ming and his court), spinning a few yarns and entrees around, waiting for all and sundry who'd promised to show, when time beckoned us to a smaller, more comfortable table tucked in the corner of the main dining area of Chung Rong Restaurant (中榮餐廳) 235 Hsin Yi Rd., Sec. 4.

Jack Bateman, from Texas, wanted to know who was behind a recent Grapevine article demeaning his home state, but his protestations merely brought forth a bout of Texas jokes. Everyone confessed to being non ICRT listeners excepting their 7-8 am news hour, which we unanimously decided is a regurgitation of what we read in the China Post anyway. Rick Monday filled us in with his interesting experiences as roustabout for sheep shearers in Australia and getting lost in the desert there, while Patrick Steele couldn't wait to get to a good strong cup of coffee.

The undisputed favourite dishes on the menu were pigeon (ground, deep fried and presented in a most unusual and appealing way) (生菜鴿鬆) and Hot plate beef (鐵板牛腩). A cuttlefish dish (生爆雙脆), jelly-fish w/chicken (鮮雞拼蜇頭), Shrimp with radish and green beans (三丁蝦仁) all proved satisfying while honey ham sandwiches with lotus seeds (蜜汁火腿) were quite delicious as an in-between. The mutton en casserole (砂鍋羊肉) brought us back to the sheep shearing sheds.

Eva Wong from the States voiced everybody's heckles at my being generally unable to distinguish between American and Canadian accents. My good friend Angel, on her first outing with such a large group of foreigners, conversed at length in her mother tongue with Noni, the only good looking member of the ICRT team. In the end the only thing left on the table were the lotus seeds thereby proving our ignorance of the Greek "Odyssey of Homer" in which we are led to believe that lotus seeds cause indolence and dreamy contentment.

The Chung Rong turned out to be a bit rich for our blood at NT$430. per head, not including beverages and some pre-meal peanuts. We've had much more, and better, for less almost everywhere. But since Christmas was just around the corner GV picked up the difference between our stated target price of NT$350. and the Chung Rong tab.

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TYPA STARTS SPRING SEMESTER

Taipei Youth Program Association, TYPA, begins the Spring semester this month on the 4th. If any of the following *adult* offering's appeal to you or any of your family get in touch with TYPA at (02) 871-4203, 871-4438 A complete copy of the newsletter containing details of all programs is available at TYPA.

TYPA is currently in a move situation over to Taipei American School. The office will relocate about the end of this month. Look and listen for relative changes in phone numbers in the daily media.

ACTIVITY	AGES FROM	WEEKS DURATION	INSTRUCTOR
Aerobics	15	6	Keva Wolfe
Adult Ballet	18	19	Dona Mense
Ballroom Dancing	16	7	Kathy Culter
Exercise & Dance	15	10	Mimi Steele
Fencing	16	8 & 10	Andy Liao
Flower Arranging	18	8	Keva Wolfe
Musical Theatre Dance	15	10	Mimi Steele
Women's Self Defense	15	17	Ben Wu
Tai Chi Chuan	15	17-19	Julia Fairchild
Yoga	18	8	Srav

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An awesome array of other activities are available for lower aged groups, some for tots as young as 3 years, under the following general groupings: Arts, Dance, Gymnastics, Horseback Riding, Martial Arts, Music, Swimming, Tennis. There are also scouting programs, for boys and girls, and team sports including Basketball, and Soccer.

OUR PLACE ELECTS OFFICERS

Our Place is a club for ex-pat women, conveniently located in Tien Mou, open 1 – 4 p.m., Monday – Friday. At a salad luncheon and general meeting held last month, officers for the new year were selected as follows: Rita Carter, Chairman; Beth Price, Secretary; Irene Broomell, Treasurer. Committee members elected were: Betty Boyle, Shona Auton, Bertie Goldberg, Alicia Edwards, Liangzen Liu and Jeanne Tulp. All ex-pat women in the community are invited to stop in and visit. For more information call Sandy McCullough at 872-8581.

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The club utilizes materials from the Toastmasters International of California which will help members learn the basics through advanced speech techinques.

Meetings are held at the National Taiwan University Alumni Club 1-2, Chinan Road, Sec. 1, from 7 pm. to 9 pm. Current and future meets will be on the Jan. 5th and 19th; Feb. 2nd; March 1st and 15th.

For full information call Russ Sommers at 732-7904.

JOURNEYS INTO CHINESE CULTURE JANUARY EVENTS

6th – Visit to the new National Theater and National Concert Hall of the Chiang Kai Shek Memorial Hall. Leaves the FASD Club promptly at 1:30PM and returns at 6PM. YWCA member NT$320., non-member NT$360.

21st – Lecture on "Chinese Horoscope, Geomancy, and Pa Kua". Learn about Chinese traditional customs. Lecture by Hsia Yuan Yu, an authority on Chinese culture. YWCA member NT$300. Non-member NT$340.

11th Feb – Visit Taipei's oldest temple, Lung Shan Temple, and go to the Chinese market to buy door greetings for Chinese New Year. Prof. Chang-ryn Yuan, will be the guide. YWCA member NT$320. Non-member NT$360.

NOTE: Lectures are held at 9:30AM in the Hwa Hsia Room, FASD Club, 56-1 Chung-shan N. Rd., Sec. 3. Coffee and donuts are served. Trips also originate at the FASD Club. For information call Polly Yeung 381-2130/1. For Taxi: 台北市中山北路 3 段 56-1 號

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ORGANIZATIONAL NOTICES

Christian Women's Club will meet on Thurs., Jan. 28th, 11:45AM at the Asia World Hotel, 2nd Floor. TTV Entertainer, Miss Lai Pei-Hsia will be singing and sharing her testimony. All Chinese and English speaking ladies are encouraged to attend this special meeting. Tickets, including luncheon, are NT$300. For reservations call Kathy Frederiksen 918-0467 or Geri Bartel 871-2045 by Mon. Jan. 25th.

Gateway for help, tips, friendship is open to all expats daily, with a coffee morning every Wed. This month the subject for the monthly *Special* Coffee is Chinese New Year, with Hope Phillips giving the presentation, on 20th Jan. at 10:00AM. Gateway is at 4th Fl., 438 Chung-Shan N. Rd., Sec. 6, Tienmou. For further info phone 871-9031.

Ikebana Int'l: The 23rd annual flower exhibition will be held at the Postal Museum 45 Chungking S. Rd., on Jan. 8, 9, 10. Over 100 arrangements from 12 different schools will be on display with presentations being given by Mrs. Prins, wife of the South African ambassador and Mrs. Souto, wife of Paraguayan ambassador. The display is open 9AM. – 5PM.

Int'l Women's Club membership stood at 405 members last month. For membership information, call Terri Rohr at 700-8690.

The January meeting will be held Jan. 19th, from 1 to 3 pm. at the Lai-Lai Sheraton. It will feature a program of Aboriginal Dancers, led by Ms. Wen Mei-Kuei. They have won many awards for their dancing.

TAIPEI JOINERS LIST (02)

American Chamber of Commerce	551-2515
American Club in China	594-8260/3
American Legion	835-6491
Amvets II	703-7379
Amvets III	833-3916/8
Art Guild	871-8465
Bankers Club	715-2135
Canadian Society	596-2389
China Masonic Temple	741-3971
Christian Women's Club	918-0467
Ding How Square Dance Club	772-3685
Foreign Affairs Club	596-3531
Gateway	871-9031
Ikebana Int'l	871-4475 or 781-2110
Indian Association	831-5448
Kiwanis Club	521-5151
La Leche League	351-5144
Lions	541-4035
Pacific Int'l Business Club	715-0980
Propeller Club	932-4134
Republicans Abroad	594-2111
Rotary Int'l	381-0986
Skal Club	541-6466
Society of American Military Engineers	331-7261 ext. 312
Taipei Int'l Women's Club	771-4398
Taiwan Jewish Community	861-6303
Taiwan Old Timers	776-4830
Toastmasters, China	321-8717
Toastmasters, Grand	786-2192
Toastmasters, Prestige	503-1223
TYPA (Youth activities)	871-4203
Users Group (Computers)	861-2644
VFW	831-4754
Alchoholics Anonymous	871-2624

Speaking, will be one of the students that graduated from college with the help of the T.I.W.C. Education Foundation. We will also be collecting used clothing for needy aborigine families, which should be brought to the meeting. Cost is free to members, and NT$200 for nonmembers. Coffee, tea, and cake will be served.

TAICHUNG

Christian Women's Club is having their Jan. meeting on Tue., 19th at 11:45AM at the National Hotel: The theme is "Life Journeys" and the speaker is Nina Bi. The special feature, with music by Connie Randall, is "Plan a trip to Wonderland." There will be no meeting in February.

Int'l Women's Assn meets this month on the 6th at the National Hotel at 10:30 AM is featuring a lecture on Buddhism. A luncheon will be included for NT$220. New members are welcome. Contact Liffy Kennedy, 251-4146.

VFW Post 727 will hold their regular monthly meeting on Mon., 11th Jan at the Veterans Service Center. Nomination and election for Jr. Vice Commander will be held to fill the post vacated by Fred Dearing who has returned to the U.S.

TAIPEI LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Date	Program	Place
3	Chinese Ku-Cheng recital	MS
3	Wu Wen-Shou recital	WP
4-11	Verdi's Opera in 4 Acts – "Aida"	NT
10	Chen Shei-An Piano recital	WP
10	Chen Show-Fen Piano recital	WP
10	Hsie Uan Carol	WP
11	Sie Kuo-Lan Piano recital	WP
10	Night of Baroque Music	CH
7	Night of Chamber music	MS
8	Jazz music	MS
9	Hsiao Zu memorial music recital	MS
12-13	Night of Chinese Traditional Plucking Instrument	CH
15-17	The Washington Ballet	NT
15	Sh, Hsien-Ta Violin Solo	CH
24	Harp Solo by Monika Liu	CH
26-30	Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet	NT
27	Young Artists Traditional Chinese Music Concert	CH
27	Taipei City Symphony Orchestra	MS
30	The Waverly Consort	CH
31	Flute Solo by Jocelyn Liao	CH

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21 Chung Shan S. Rd. Tel: 392-5060

CH: Concert Hall 國家音樂廳
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MS: Taipei Municipal Social Education 社教館
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Chinese Lessons	287-3490
Christian Women's Club	231-8674
Int'l Womens Assn	251-4146
Literary Club	256-0449
Mah-Jong	292-5446
Spanish Lessons	Jordi 224-5108
Tai Chi Chuan	(046) 31-3630
VFW	321-9729

KAOHSIUNG

AMCHAM will hold their monthly breakfast meeting at the Ambassador Hotel, 4th floor at 7AM, Jan 6th. Nominations will be held for 1988 officers. Persons desiring to attend or join should contact Bob Hackmeister at (07) 371-7988, AMCHAM's Christmas dance was a complete success thanks to expat community support.

Coffee Morning. Int'l Ladies Coffee Morning will be hold their January meeting at the Grand Hotel, the 13th at 10 AM. The December Christmas Luncheon was a smash and all who attended were presented a small canister set. Expat ladies new to the Kaohsiung area are urged to attend.

Dirty Chopsticks Last month, Dirty Chopsticks dined at the C'est a' Moi Restaurant located at Chung Cheng 2nd Road, Lane 56 # 2 (中正路 56 巷 2 號). It is refreshingly clean with a mixed European and Asian decor, and a capacity of 35. The menu runs through sandwiches from NT$80 to fixed lunches and dinners ranging from NT$300 to NT$500 accompanied by soft modernistic music. Anyone who knows of a nice and inexpensive restaurant are welcome to volunteer to be host. Call Pauline Watson at (07) 741-7476.

KIWC's January meeting will include a program and dances conducted by the Japanese community at the White Deer restaurant on the 20th at noon. Luncheon cost is NT$300 for members and NT$350 for non-members. KIWC which sponsors handicapped children and orphanages seeks new members. Call Linda Petrucelli at (07) 841-6870 during the day and 761-8559 evenings.

Masons Pearl River Lodge # 3 F&AM will hold their first stated meeting of 1988 on Jan. 30th at 4PM at 289 Pa Teh 1st Road, 9th floor. There will be Conferral of the 1st degree. Men interested in attending are urged to call Harry Ong at (07) 771-4338 or Dr. Nelson Tung at (07) 241-3421.

Morrison Academy: The third semester begins Jan. 4th. Tuition for the next two quarters is due on the 5th. There are no holidays or special activities planned for the month of January.

Scouting: *Boy Scouts* will conduct a Court of Honor on Jan. 30th, 1:30 PM at Morrison Academy. This will be a camping theme. All boys from age of 11 interested in the Boy Scouts can call Keith Loman at (07) 331-8131. *Girl Scouts* will be meeting in the middle of the month to discuss the 1988 schedule. Girls interested in joining call Inez Linebarger at (07) 291-2719.

DOWN ISLAND ENTERTAINMENT

Date	Program	Place
3	Violin recital by Yeh, Dhu-Han	Kaohsiung
6	Solo by Gin, Cheng-Weu	Kaohsiung
10	Cheng Music w/Liu, Li-Geun recital	Kaohsiung
19	Chamber music – Japan	Kaohsiung
22	Taiwan Symphony Orchestra	Kaohsiung
22	Pakin Opera	Kaohsiung
30	Kaohsiung City Chinese Traditional music	Kaohsiung

Kaohsiung: Kaohsiung Cultural Center

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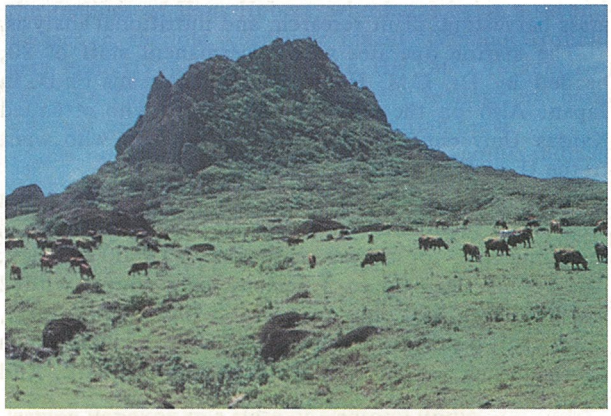

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Today the station, covering 1148 hectares (465 acres), experiments with a variety of beef and milk cow breeds for purposes of increased economical production, and are also engaged in embryo transfer research.

Other farm-animal residents include goats, sheep and horses. Some rabbits are also kept in connection with the embryo research project.

In addition to the livestock, the station also experiments with forage crops, including pasture management,

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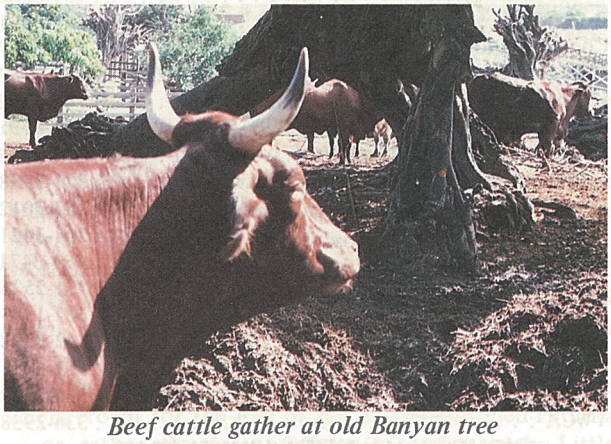

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Bible Study	334-2938
Bowling, mixed	641-3601
Bowling, ladies	731-8880
Bridge Club	742-0991
Computer Club	747-3197
Cricket Club	381-2524 or 871-5262
Daring Diners Dirty Chopsticks Club	742-8392
Girl Scout Activities	331-8131
Hash House Harriers	381-5325
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Kaohsiung Int'l Womens Club	221-7012
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1. Lacrosse 2. 34 in. long, 2¼ in. diameter 3. 18 inches 4. Rugby 5. Gymnastics – a kind of vault 6. Basketball 7. 2, 3 and 4 feet 8. Ice skating, ice hockey, curling 9. Team handball and water polo 10. Fencing.

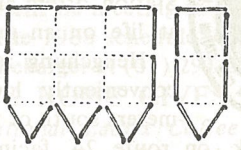
SPORTS

1. 15,000 2. A French soup made with Jerusalem artichokes 3. Instrument for peeling oranges or lemons 4. Refined (White) sugar 5. Mayonnaise, chopped capers, chili sauce, parsely.

GOURMET TRIVIA

1. Wheat 2. Soybeans for Vit. B12 3. They do not produce enough insulin and have elevated blood glucose levels 4. Hypoglycemia 5. Diet.

HEALTH ANSWERS



B. The illustration shows how two enclosures may be formed with 13 and 7 matches respectively, so that one area shall be exactly three times as large as the other. The dotted lines will show that one figure contains two squares and an equilateral triangle, and the other six squares and three such triangles. The 12 horizontal and vertical matches have not been moved.

MATCHES

1. 1812 2. 1914 3. 1896 4. 622AD 5. 1919 6. 1756 (23 of 146 people survived one night's imprisonment) 7. 1895 8. 1812 9. Catherine the Great 10. 1815 11. 1936 12. 1901 13. 1963 14. 1962 15. 1844

YEAR TRIVIA

If the hands could occur during the same deal, then of course (a) would be best, (b) and (c) would be equal, and (e) would be worst. However, as the hands cannot occur on the same deal, their values must be based on their probabilities of winning.

Hand (d) is the best, hand (a) is the worst, and hands (b) and (e) are equal in strength.

POKER

2. Beware of those who fall at your feet. They might really be reaching for the corner of the rug.

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CRYPTOGRAMS

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DOWN & OUT BARSTOOL VIEWS

By Durdley Drinkright

There we were a couple o'weeks ago, belly up to the bar, well past the cinderella curfew, imposed on me by my rice-propelled sock-shrinker, when tubby Percy Prestwick exclaims, in a slurred voice, "I nom'nate Drinky Durdright the biggest s***-stirrer of 1987 – and prob'ly 1988."

After the Yea's, yah's, hoots and hollers – we were a mixed group – subsided, about ten minutes and two tequila's later, I sort of figured any denials on my part just might fall on deaf ears. So, armed with the knowledge that the best defense is a strong offense, I shouts "I nominate Wiley Molehill for champ beer snitcher o' the year!"

Sure enough, amidst all the din and shouts, there lurks old Wiley, with all eyes suddenly riveted upon him, caught in the act of pilfering Jean-Claude Le Pouf's beer – which is no small feat since Le Pouf is no small beer snitcher himself.

Well thereafter, as things evolved, we decides to prepare a proper 1987 awards list, which reads like a veritable expat who's-who of the island's well-known, known, not-so-well known, and completely-unknown, etc. and so-forths.

Getting the fiasco underway, the ancient thespian, Claudius Entwhistle, who was Ronald Coleman's third stand-in in the original Beau Geste film, nominates Dildoe Ghergle's literary effort on "Trading Used Innertubes" as the top roadside litter which causes the revengeful Dildoe to dash his sombrero to the floor and put up ole Grapevine as the year's best bird cage liner.

Elmo Peaswell tried to include the matinee barmaid at the Rope & Hanger as *ms. Flat-Chested* but couldn't recall her name and therefore got soundly booed and hissed until he rings the bell for another round of distilled Mexican cactus juice, and a few beers for the soft drinkers.

Roscoe Bungsnatcher, up from southern environs on his forthightly visit, puts in his two NT worth by trying to nominate Hans-Hubert Sheissmeister as *Slob* of the year, but this was over-ruled by Sam who has a monopoly on slobs with a whole team of em. This really hurts the feelings of Hans Hubert, who hates being a second-placer, so the old keel-layer hisself, Gaucho Grubble, gets majority backing to make HH *'Mr. Aufgepist of the 20th Century'* – which hurts my feelings, me being a devout imbiber of that ancient Bavarian brew.

The nominations reach the pinnacle of Tequila-induced regression when Emilo Gokhartt roars up on his 2½ cylinder Kawahonski and trys to nominate Bangkok as *'Center of the Universe'* . . . . . and gets seconded by Dinty O'Kinkle, who is wearing five layers of vulgarised t-shirts to ward off the chill. In trun, he is loudly booed by Heathcliff Splinchter–Browne, which causes the entire congregation to unanimously vote in Splinchter as *'Mother of the Decade,'* thus leaving Bangkok in a state of electoral limbo.

After that it was all down-hill, with such unoriginal and common titles as *'Grossest Bee-Esser'*, which ended in an unbreakable tri-way tie between Sheepdip Charley Rotswill, Dildoe Ghergle and the head of the monopoly bureau.

Needless to say the matter of time and place gave the *'Best Booze'* nod to Wetback's Revenge tequila although Splinchter-Browne did his level best to tip the honors in favor of Transvestites Delight Mint Champagne.

Things almost got out of hand when Jack Upyers, unwitting victim of a chromosome mis-match (which he always blames on his parents) and local stringer for The Lingerie Gazette, trys to put-up the local Expat Radio for Chinese Teens, nicknamed ERECT, for more hilariously depressing titles than we had time for. But, he finally calms down after we gets locked in a tie between "smells like a real turd . . . , " and "Honneee! Time to throw up at M . . . , " for *'Most Disgusting Advert Ever Aired.'*

Things by now were fairly woozy, Percy Prestwick had gone totally stiff and glassy-eyed nigh onto three tequilas ago, and Rancid Rawlawngpini was barfing up last week's curried-water-buffalo and chutney, which helped Sam get a late nod for *'Vilest Pissoir in the Orient'* – if not the entire world. And those two unworthies, Percy and Rancid, being in their indisposed states were overwhelmingly declared lover and loser of year, respectively. Percy getting due recognition for his sordid romantic affairs with Peony and Petunia Peng, or the *great cousin switch*. Ole Rancid took the losers crown for the loss of the aforementioned Petunia – or rather the *loss of Petunia to Prestwick*. Little wonder Rancid's always nauseated . . . . or is it

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nauseating?

By now the phone was constantly jangling by calls from an assortment of full, semi, occasional and instant type tai-tai's screaming for their tequila-soused bedmates. The down & out awards committee was in a state of rapid disintegration and we still had to select *Least Readable of the English Dailies, Most Undressable Flower Girl, Noodle Stand With Best Diarrhea . . . . . ,* oh well, there's always next year.

CHUCKLER

The grade school principal dropped into the third grade teacher's room on the first day of school and asked how things were going.

"One problem, sir,"the teacher said. "That little boy in the front row should be in the second grade, but he insists on staying here. He's so smart I hate to send him back."

"He can't be that smart," the principal said. "Ask him some questions."

The teacher called the boy forward and asked, "What does a dog do on three legs that a man does on two legs and I do sitting down?"

"Shakes hands," the boy said.

"What does a cow have four of that I have two of?" she asked.

"Legs," the boy replied.

"What is a four letter word meaning intercourse?" she continued.

"Talk," the boy replied.

The teacher turned to the principal. "Well, what should I do?"

He drew her aside and whispered, "You better promote him to the fourth grade. I missed all three questions."

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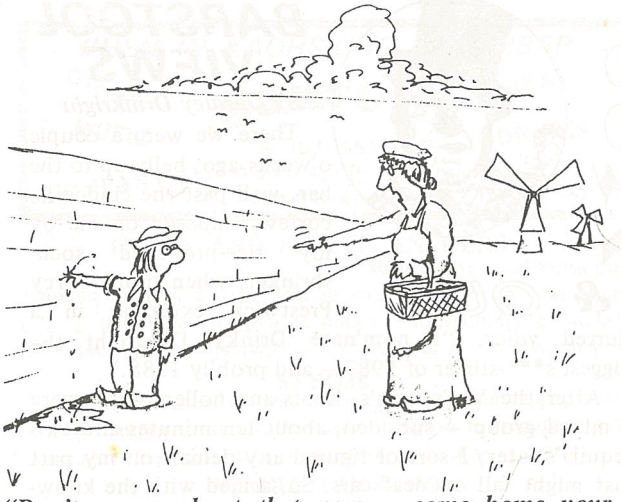

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DURDLEY'S TRIVIA

1. If an Irishman, a Polack and an Italian jumped out an airplane simultaneously which would hit the ground first?
2. What is adultery?
3. Why are Polish jokes so short?

ANSWERS BOTTOM THIS COLUMN

VIBRANT VERSE

How sweet to waken in the morn,
Without a care the mind to cumber,
Then hurry to the phone and find . . .
Some ass is calling the wrong number!

Wei ! Wei !

DURDLEY'S FACTS

The word "toast," meaning a proposal of health, originated in ancient Rome, where a bit of spiced, burned bread was dropped into wine to improve the drink's flavor and absorb it's sediment — cheers!

DURDLEY'S TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Who cares? 2. Two wrong people doing the right thing 3. So the Italians and Irish can understand them.

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Dining Out, cont'd . . . . .

TIENMOU'S THAI CONNECTION

Looking for a change of pace in our dining habits, we came across the *Mae-Ploy Thai Restaurant* which, we recalled, had been previously recommended by a friend.

Entering this clean but rather unimpressive eatery, we wondered if the food was going to be better than the decor, the most outstanding feature of which were large portraits of the King and Queen of Thailand.

The menus, there are two, are in flowery prose, one of them highlighted by a large color photo of each dish, with the same items plus others on the other menu.

With feelings akin to those of Marco Polo when first setting foot on Asian soil, we awaited our selections of *"Thai Excellent Fried Noodles," "Deep Fried Fish Patties," "Chicken with Ginger"* and *"Hot & Sour Shrimp Soup."*

The noodles arrived first and, as described on the menus, were *"excellent,"* as were the other two dishes. The soup was spicy hot, which wasn't particularly to our taste,

Having passed the first hurdle greatly satisfied, a second look at the menu was in order and we decided to make pigs out of ourselves by calling for *"Fried Beef with Garlic," "Sweet and Sour Fried Fish" (not to* be confused with the local Chinese variety), followed by *"Excellent Fruits with Coconut Ice,"* and *"Young Coconut Meat in Syrup with Ice.*

All-in-all, we unanimously decided, it was definitely worth a return trip just for the noodles, S&S fish and fried beef . . . and to try a few more of those exotic-sounding dishes on the menus.

Mae-Ploy has a wide variety of either hot-flavored or not-so-hot selections to meet everyone's tastes and our tab for a lot of food, including a soft drink and tax was a very reasonable NT$740, which would have amply fed 3 – 4 persons.

The restaurant is located in the newly built-up Shihlin area, bordering on Tienmou. To reach it, one turns off of Chung-shan N. Rd. at Chung Chen Rd. (the first road after crossing the Fulin Bridge at the old BMW dealership), then make a right at the first interection which is Chung-Yi St., The restaurant is at No. 42, Ground floor. Tel. 834-3096. 台北市士林忠義街 42 號 1 樓

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The girls of the Stars & Strikes Bowling League meet every Friday morning at 9:30. New bowlers, experienced or beginners, are welcome. Contact Linda Moulin, 892-3010.

The top three distaff teams, in a very tight contest, as of last month are pictured next column.

MEN'S TUESDAY BOWLING

As of late last month the top four teams in the men's league were virtually neck and neck with only two full games separating them.

Team play aside, Stan Kirby of the Firebugs placed himself at the top of the league for individual honors.

Current team standings from top down are Five Star; Laban; Firebugs; MCFPP; JDA, Cooties; Sam's Place; American Legion; Hilton; Panalpina.

The league, which meets Tues evenings, welcomes interested bowlers. See the *Get Involved* listings for contact.

MEN'S SOFTBALL WINDS UP

Tas Men's Softball Post Season Tournament finished up over the weekend of Dec. 12-13. The Teachers won the tournament without a loss behind the slugging of John Weber who was named MVP of the tourney. The Presidents finished up in second and should be congratulated for their team play. VFW finshed 3rd, SOB'S 4th, and the SLOB'S, Butchers rounded out the top.

Nick Bordieri of the Presidents was selected MVP for the season. The SLOB'S received T-shirts for their 1st place finish during the regular season. They chipped in amongst themselves for a trophy of their own. Teachers took their trophy for their finish and placed it in their trophy case at TAS along with all the others they've garnered.

Look for the next spring season to have night games as Bob Hartleip of TYPA is having lights installed at the field. The spring season will have an additional 2 teams playing with the TAS boys teams entering the pack.

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1st place – Optimists: l to r, Nancy Simila, Mandy Dexter. Missing – Jeanne Swain and Peachy Go.

2nd place – Kimchi Quartet: l to r, Kuiok Blevins, Carolyn Wedge, Karie, Young Joo Park.

3rd place – The Eight: l to r, Nga Phan, Khris Castillo, Neung Hee McFall. Missing – Elsie Leichti.

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MEN'S BOWLING

Five Star, l to r: Kelly Patterson, Jim Murvine, Jim Farmer (Capt.), Don Smith. Not pictured: Mark Swarstad, Wayne Hoff, Peter Hastorff

Laban, l to r: Max Linzey, Apoy Go, Eli Atienza, Manny Bautista, Josel Atienza (Capt.). Not pictured: Emon Atienza

Firebugs, l to r: John Aloisi, Loren Penick, Stan Kirby, Larry Lawrence, Bill Martin (Capt.). Not pictured: Keith Kahl

SPORTS TRIVIA

1. In what sport would you find a *cradler?*
2. What are the official dimensions of a softball bat?
3. What is the diameter of a basketball hoop?
4. From what sport is the term *'foul play'* derived?
5. In what event would you find *Yamashita?*
6. *Roundball* is commonly known as what?
7. At what heights are the ropes of a boxing ring placed?
8. Name three sports which use a *rink.*
9. Name a game that allows a *penalty throw* (there are two).
10. An *off-target hit* occurs in what sport?

ANSWERS PG. 28

MEN'S SOFTBALL

SLOB's, Season's champs: Upper, l to r; Joe Rupp, Alan Alagata, Mike Boone, Gus Conroy, Neil Friedberg, Jack Sommers, Chuck Tucker, and Sponsor Sam Sun Lower, l to r: Danny Lowinger, Pat Lorem, Alexis Bonilla, Nick Bell, Dave Allan.

Teachers', tournament champs: Upper, l to r; Mark Swarstad, Don Smith, Ron Aden, Kelly Patterson, Tony Mock, Dave Rowe. Lower, l to r, Terry Teppen, Dennis Caulkins, Bob Wenger, Pat Higgins, John Weber.

Presidents, tournament 2nd placers: Upper, l to r; Jerry Nasternak, Paul Kwilinski, Tom Eagold, Mike Burke, Bill Maderas, John McCarthy, Huck Givens. Lower, l to r; Michael Bowers, Ted Jagusztyn, Bob Viney, Nick Bordieri.

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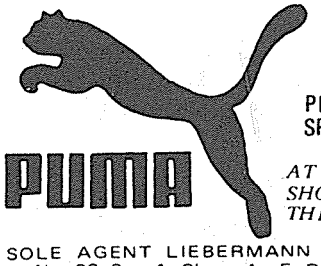

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Tahsi Tops, cont'd . . . . . .

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Older players point out that younger contestants now coming up through the ranks regularly throw tops which were considered impossible to control only a few years ago, and speculation that the giant 200 pounder will soon be successfully spun is growing.

In Tahsi, with so many participating to one degree or another in the sport, it is only natural that there would be an effort to capitalize on the tops through exports. To date, however. only a few orders for the giant tops have trickled in – and most of these have been for relatively smaller models – although interest is growing, both on Taiwan and abroad. Meantime, in Tahsi itself, there is no lack of demand for the tops as the sport continues to grow in popularity.

To get to Tahsi (大溪) take Route 3 south from Panchiao. The village lies sbout 13 kilometers beyond Sanhsia (三峽) enroute to Tzuhu and the Shihmen Reservoir.

Eastern Windows, cont'd . . . . . .

the manager and several waitresses, over half a pizza in their midst. All heads were turned towards the hub-bub.

"There's an example," said the Professor, of what I am talking about." Instead of quietly summoning the manager and privately pointing out his complaint, your fellow foreigner has chosen to make a public spectacle which has forced the poor manager to try to save face by arguing. Had the chap taken the alternative he probably would have gotten a new pizza, a fresh round of drinks as an apology, and some respect to boot. As it is, he's earned a begrudged pizza but lost face, to all here but his fellows, by publicly showing ill manners and inconsideration towards the employees of this shop, possibily putting one's job in jeopardy, although there was no malevolence intended by anyone."

It was quite by coincidence when, a couple of weeks later, Professor Lin and I went to a quicky-restaurant for lunch.

No sooner had we settled into a pleasant luncheon and equally pleasant conversation than we were interrupted by shouting in English. Looking around we saw a foreigner berating the manageress.

At second glance, I recognized the fellow as one of the infamous group at the pizza parlor a while back.

As it turned out, he was complaining, and quite loudly, about the salad bar ingredients which didn't look like a poster of a salad bar, which hung on the wall. The flustered manageress was flushed with embarrassment, but finally managed, in her limited English to say that the poster was of a foreign salad bar, not a Chinese salad bar, which might sound reasonable if one considered that this was one of those U.S. franchised places.

"Well, Professor," I asked, "how do you sum up that situation from a Confucian viewpoint? I mean the foreigner is quite right, the offerings are not at all like the poster up there."

"George," he replied, "I'm disappointed that you didn't learn much from our last east-west encounter. The foreigner does not have to buy the salad if he doesn't like it. His complaint only disturbs the other diners here who had already seen the salad bar and made their own decisions. So why embarrass the poor lady with a public outburst when he could have complained quietly and personally, or even have written a letter to the franchiser. Surely, George, he didn't expect that by causing a lot of thunder the manageress would wave a wand and reproduce that poster for him?

"OK, Professor, your point is made, but if we don't complain sufficiently how will things ever improve?"

Remember George, we orientals do not like to "break another's rice bowl" as we say. If we don't like the way we are treated we simply never return, and if enough of that goes on the guilty party will eventually be dealt their deserved fate. On the other hand, if we force the issue and get someone fired, we are the cause for their loss of livelihood, not a pleasant responsibility, especially if its based on a haphazard encounter."

"But Professor," I countered, "that's why improvements are so slow here, and attitudes seem so indifferent sometimes."

"The Chinese, have been around for 5000 years and patience has become our virtue. And we will still be here 5000 years from now. What's the hurry, George? It'll all come with time, sooner or later, as fate dictates. We are firm believers in fate and the Buddhist axiom, "what you sow, you shall reap."

TRIVIA TRIFLES AND OTHER DIVERSIONS

CRYPTOGRAMS

In cryptograms, you are given sentences in which one set of letters is substituted for another. The words are in their right order with a space after each. For example: A BIG CAT, M SWX UMY. Here M is substituted for A, S for B, W for I, etc. You can break each code by watching for the frequency of certain letters or the way they are grouped. You know that a single letter is usually A or I, that the word THE occurs very often in English as does AND. Try IS, IT, OF and other common words when you find a group of two letters.

1. X M M K F L C S J M H W Q K, F A S H S

   N L E E Q E N Q T J W S Q K

   O S H F L J L Z X. L Z X M M K

   F L C S J Y S M Y E S N Q Z F

   F M Q K O S H F L J S; L Z W Q K

   F L C S J Y S M Y E S A Q O S

   F M.

2. G T S R Q T Z Y F X Z N T S X Z

   Y R V V R F W Z M Q Y T T F.

   F X T W I L K X F Q T R V V W

   G T Q T R H X L J K Y Z Q F X T

   H Z Q J T Q Z Y F X T Q M K.

POKER POSER

Which of the following poker hands is the best? Which is the worst? Which hands are of equal strength? The game is being played with an ordinary 52-card pack. There are no wild cards. (AS means ace of spades, etc.)

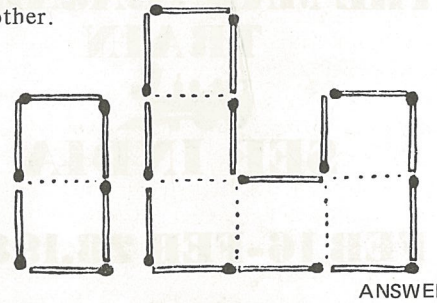
(a) AS AH AD KS KH
(b) AS AH AD QS QC
(c) AS AH AD QS QH
(d) AS AH AD 6S 6C
(e) AS AH AD 3S 3C

NEW *YEAR* TRIVIA

1. In what year did Napoleon retreat from Moscow?
2. What year was Archduke Ferdinand of Austria assassinated?
3. The first modern olympiad was held in what year?
4. In what year was Mohammed's flight from Mecca?
5. What year was the Atlantic first flown by airplane?
6. The tragedy of the Black Hole of Calcutta occured in what year?
7. W.K. Röntgen discovered the X-ray in what year?
8. What year is the title for a famous Tchaikovsky overture?
9. Who took over power in Russia in 1729?
10. When was the battle of Waterloo?
11. Jesse Owens was "outstanding athlete" in the Olympics of which year?
12. In which year did England's Queen Victoria die?
13. John F. Kennedy was assassinated in what year?
14. When was the first active communications satellite (Telstar) launched?
15. In what year did Walter Hunt invent the safety pin?

TRICKY MATCHES

Lay out 20 matches in the way shown in our illustration. You will see that the two groups of 6 and 14 matches form two enclosures, so that one space enclosed is exactly three times as large as the other. Twelve of the matches must remain unmoved from their present positions – and there must be no duplicated matches or loose ends. The dotted lines are simply to indicate the respective areas. Now transfer 1 match from the larger to the smaller group, and with the 7 and 13 enclose two spaces again, one exactly three times as large as the other.



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